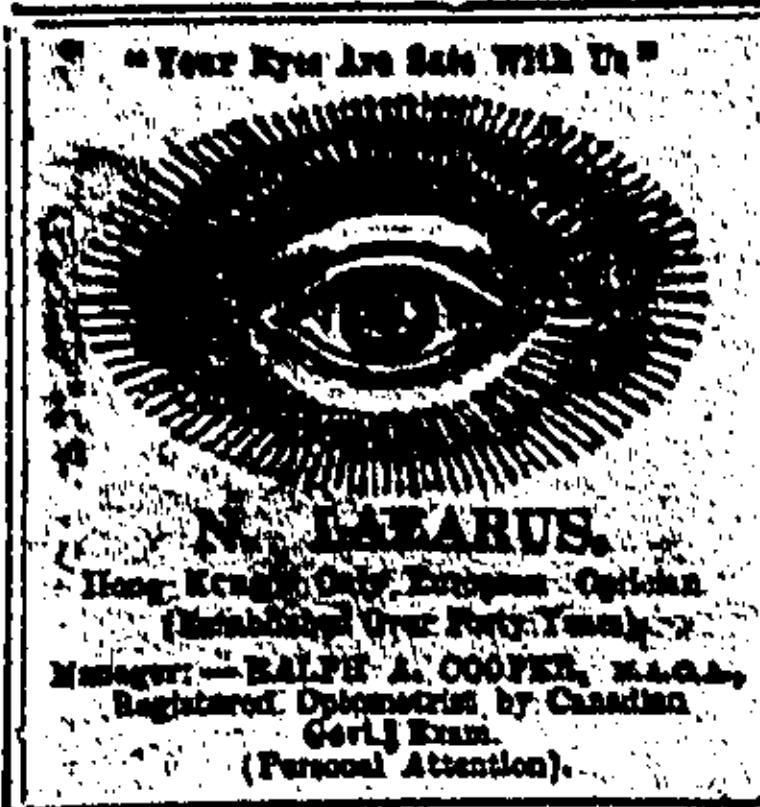


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Kowloon ...Dep.	6.40	8.05	9.10	10.00	12.00	1.15	2.15	4.35	5.45
Yamat ...Dep.	6.45	8.10	9.15	10.05	12.05	1.20	2.20	4.40	5.50
Shatin ...Dep.	7.01	8.26	9.31	10.21	12.21	1.36	2.36	4.56	6.06
Taipei ...Dep.	7.15	8.40	9.45	10.35	12.35	1.50	2.50	5.10	6.20
Taipei Market Dep.	7.30	8.55	10.00	10.50	12.50	2.05	3.05	5.25	6.35
Fanning ...Dep.	7.45	9.10	10.15	11.05	13.05	2.20	3.20	5.40	6.50
Shungshui ...Dep.	7.55	9.20	10.25	11.15	13.15	2.30	3.30	5.50	7.00
Shungshui ...Arr.	8.11	9.36	10.41	11.31	13.31	2.45	3.45	6.05	7.15
Canton ...Arr.	8.17	9.42	10.47	11.37	13.37	2.51	3.51	6.11	7.21

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Canton ...Dep.	7.18	8.43	9.48	10.38	12.38	1.53	2.53	5.13	6.23
Shungshui ...Dep.	7.33	8.58	10.03	10.53	12.53	2.08	3.08	5.28	6.38
Fanning ...Dep.	7.48	9.23	10.28	11.18	13.18	2.23	3.23	5.43	6.53
Taipei Market Dep.	7.63	9.38	10.43	11.33	13.33	2.38	3.38	5.58	7.08
Taipei ...Dep.	7.78	9.53	10.58	11.48	13.48	2.53	3.53	6.13	7.23
Shatin ...Dep.	7.93	10.18	11.23	12.13	14.13	3.08	4.08	6.28	7.38
Shungshui ...Dep.	8.08	10.33	11.38	12.28	14.28	3.23	4.23	6.43	7.53
Shungshui ...Arr.	8.24	10.49	11.54	12.44	14.44	3.39	4.39	6.59	8.09
Kowloon ...Arr.	8.30	10.55	12.00	12.50	14.50	3.45	4.45	7.05	8.15

SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

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Shatin ...Dep.	7.01	8.26	9.31	10.21	12.21	1.36	2.36	4.56	6.06
Taipei ...Dep.	7.15	8.40	9.45	10.35	12.35	1.50	2.50	5.10	6.20
Taipei Market Dep.	7.30	8.55	10.00	10.50	12.50	2.05	3.05	5.25	6.35
Fanning ...Dep.	7.45	9.10	10.15	11.05	13.05	2.20	3.20	5.40	6.50
Shungshui ...Dep.	7.55	9.20	10.25	11.15	13.15	2.30	3.30	5.50	7.00
Shungshui ...Arr.	8.11	9.36	10.41	11.31	13.31	2.45	3.45	6.05	7.15
Canton ...Arr.	8.17	9.42	10.47	11.37	13.37	2.51	3.51	6.11	7.21

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RAID ON CHINESE IN BRITAIN.

POLICE ACTIVITY IN THE LARGE PORTS.

TRADE STEADILY IMPROVING.

NO CLOUD ON INDUSTRIAL HORIZON.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, February 25th.

There was consternation in all the "China towns" of the ports—London, Liverpool, Cardiff and elsewhere—early one morning this week as a result of a police raid. Under an order of the Home Office the police descended suddenly at a fixed hour on the unsuspecting Celestials and arrested everyone who could not produce satisfactory identification papers. The raid was carefully planned and well carried out. For some time there has been a suspicion that numbers of Chinese have been smuggled into this country by their fellow countrymen resident in England to work in Chinese laundries, restaurants and other establishments, and there is reason to believe that some were engaged in illicit drug traffic.

It is said by people who are supposed to know all about such things that of late scarcely any ship with Chinese among the crews has called at a port in Great Britain without the disappearance of some of its members and it is believed that many Chinese have been hidden among the cargo during the voyage from the Far East.

The Elusive Chinese.

His Majesty's efforts, by the police, to obtain complete records of Chinese among the floating population in seaport towns and cities have failed owing to the elusive character of the "suspects." To the ordinary man here, whether police officer or not, one Chinese seems as like another as two peas; and there have been instances of ten or a dozen living in a house where only three have been registered. The others could never be traced. Always some mysterious way as soon as a policeman appeared in the vicinity the "wanted" individuals vanished.

All the Chinese without identification papers discovered in the present raid are being dealt with under the Aliens Registration Act. Many of them will be deported. I may say, however, that for a reason nobody seems able to explain the yellow population in the ports has diminished in recent years. This is particularly true of Limehouse. The Chinese quarter in the East End of London, which is the district round about Fenchurch Street where our country cousins sometimes go even now with a child-like faith that it almost pathetic, hoping to discover "opium dens," as graphically described in novels, and to see almond-eyed gentlemen with an inscrutable smile playing fan-tan!

Trade Getting Better.

Mr. Baldwin's recent speech in the House of Commons was one of the best he has delivered in regard to the general state of the country. It showed real hope for better trade. One of the most encouraging features of the situation is that, compared with the year 1922, over 1,100,000 more persons are at work. Another fact is that wages at the end of last year were from 70 to 75 per cent higher than in 1914; while it has to be noted that the cost of living has gone down by 12 points in the last three years. To-day the official cost of living figure is 83 per cent over the figure for 1914.

There are some good judges who hold the opinion that if it had not been the General Strike and the ensuing coal stoppage the country might have been now in the midst of a trade boom, with reason to expect relief of taxation in the forthcoming Budget. As it is we have to congratulate ourselves on the improvement which is setting in. The black spots of unemployment are mainly in the North-east of England and in South Wales. A recent official report of the Trade Union Congress admits that last year wages were on a higher level than at the climax of the post-war boom in trade. A decidedly better feeling exists between Capital and Labour, and there is no cloud on the industrial horizon.

Mr. Baldwin's opinion is, therefore, justified. The Old Country is far from being finished yet!

(Continued on next Column).

WHERE NERO FIDDLER?

SUPPORT FOR A ROMAN LEGEND.

SECRET OF AN OLD BUILDING.

Hour.

Tradition was more or less vindicated in Rome, where during the demolition of an ancient building evidence was found in support of a legend against which learned archaeologists and historians have long protested.

All foreigners visiting Rome have been shown an ancient brick tower rising near the remains of the station to Piazza Venezia. Its name is "Torre delle Milizie," but it is better known as "Nero's Tower," because, according to tradition, this is the tower on top of which Nero fiddled while Rome burned. Many must have gazed at this legend, as the tower can be recognised at a glance as a medieval structure.

Adjoining the tower was an old, ramshackle building, formerly used as a barracks. The Governor of Rome recently decided to tear this building down to permit a beautiful view over the Imperial Forum and the Victor Emmanuel Monument from the Via Nazionale.

When the plaster of the old building was removed, it was recognised as an ancient Roman construction of the Imperial epoch.

Archaeologists state that the building of considerable size and importance. Three floors of wall standing and more floors may have existed in Roman times. Rising on the crest of a sharp hill, it probably stood out like a tower. It is possible, therefore, that the old tradition about "Nero's Tower" was not so wide of the mark.

SWIFT ROYALTY.

MET, MARRIED AND SEPARATED IN A FORTNIGHT.

A romantic story lies behind the wedding of Flying Officer Lionel G. Gray, formerly a captain in the Indian Army, and Miss Jeanette Cooke, at Wittering near Stamford.

A week or two ago, Flying Officer Gray, lunching with relatives at the Carlton Hotel, W., was introduced to Miss Cooke. He fell in love with her at once, and on returning to Wittering he heard that Miss Cooke had to leave for the United States. He immediately telegraphed to her and took the first train for London. On arriving he proposed to her and she agreed to an immediate marriage.

Miss Cooke arrived at Peterborough a few minutes before the time of the ceremony to find that the bridegroom had had to dash to a neighbouring town by motor car, as he had forgotten to get a wedding ring. When he returned the wedding took place and the bride afterwards left by herself for London and New York.

Hardy Annual Bills.

At this season of the year there are always a number of Bills presented by Members of Parliament that stand a very small chance of acceptance. But they serve the purpose of keeping the subjects before the public, even if legislation does not result. This week has produced three such Bills. Sir Arthur Shirley Benn desires to make it legal for a man to marry his niece by marriage, or a woman to marry her nephew by marriage. No doubt there is a good case for this, and it has been discussed in the Press, but the House of Commons is always slow to interfere with prohibited degrees of relationship.

Another Bill good in itself is that of Sir Arthur Hurrell which seeks to extend the Local Government elections a principle which already applies to Parliamentary elections—that a candidate should deposit a sum of money which will be forfeited if he does not receive one-eighth of the total of votes polled. A candidate may have no earthly chance and yet involve the ratepayers in heavy expense merely by getting himself nominated for election.

The third of the Bills I have mentioned is presented by Commander Kenneth to abolish capital punishment and substitute penal servitude in its place. This also has been heard of before to-day. But of the three it commands itself least to public opinion, which still holds to the ancient maxim "A life for a life."—H.B.

DIARY OF EVENTS.

To-day.

Hockey: Y.M.C.A. v. K.O.S.B. 2nd XI.

Prize Distribution, by Lady Chow Shou-son, of the Wan Yan College, Queen's Theatre, 11 a.m.

H.K. Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., 3th Ordinary General Meeting, at Jardine, Matheson Co. offices, 12 noon.

Public Auction, Messrs. Lammett Bros., 8a, Duddell Street, 3 p.m.

Annual Meeting, H.K. Lawn Tennis Assoc. H.K.C.C. Pavilion, 6 p.m.

Annual Meeting Kowloon Golf Club Y.M.C.A., 6.15 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "The Campus Fling."

World Theatre: "The Little Irish Girl," 5.15 and 8.20; "The Monkey Monk," 2.30 and 7.15.

Star Theatre: "The Understanding Heart."

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30.

Tuesday.

Hockey: H.K. Hockey Club 2nd XI. v. Tamar on the R.N.U.S.C. ground, 5 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "On Your Toes."

World Theatre: "Dancing Mothers," 5.15 and 8.20; "The Monkey Monk," 2.30 and 7.15.

Star Theatre: "Drusilla with a Million."

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.

Principal Mails:—Outward: Europe via Marseilles (Portico), 2.30 p.m.; Europe via Vancouver and Europe via Siberia (Empress of Asia), 5 p.m.; Europe via San Francisco (Free, Lincoln), 10.30 a.m.

Wednesday.

Hockey: H.K. Hockey Club 1st XI. v. R.N.U.S.C. ground.

Fanning Hunt: Meet at the Stables Fanning, 2.45 p.m.

China Exhibition: St. Andrew's Church Hall and Grounds opening ceremony by Major General C. C. Leard, C.B., C.M.G., and the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow at 3 p.m.

Lecture by Mr. R. E. Lindsell "Place names of Hong Kong," 5.30 p.m.

A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., 43rd annual ordinary general meeting at Hong Kong Hotel, 11.30 a.m.

Annual Inspection by H.E. the Governor of the Hong Kong Police and Police Reserve, Murray Parade Ground.

Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals annual meeting, Jardine, Matheson's board room, 5.30 p.m.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "On Your Toes."

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Thursday.

China Exhibition: St. Andrew's Church Hall and Grounds, opening ceremony by Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., and the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kowloon, C.M.G., 3 p.m.

Lecture by the Rev. H. R. Wells, O.B.E., "The Cantonese Language," Queen's Theatre: "The Unknown."

Star Theatre: "The Runaway."

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.

Hockey: H.K. Hockey Club "A" v. K.O.S.B. at King's Park, 5.15 p.m.

China Exhibition Opening ceremony by the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes and Dr. S. W. Tan, 3 p.m.

Lecture by the Rev. G. H. McNeur on "The Chinese Mind," 8 p.m.

China Light and Power Co., Ltd. Extra Ordinary General Meeting, noon.

Children's afternoon Helena May Institute, 5 p.m.

Kowloon Bowling Green Club 25th Annual General Meeting, 6 p.m.

Institute of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hong Kong annual dinner, 8 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "The Unknown."

Star Theatre: "The Runaway."

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.

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CRITICS.

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BEATING.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rome, March 23rd.
Sir Samuel Hoare, the Secretary
for Air, speaking at Birmingham
to-day spoke of recent air tragedies
particularly in reference to the un-
fortunate loss of Flight-Lieutenant
Kinkaid.

"Does the pursuit of speed
justify the sacrifice of human life?"
he asked.

"If it were only a matter of the
pursuit of speed or the breaking of
the world's record, I should agree
with those who ask this question,
but there is more at stake than the
increase of speed and just as many
of the improvements in the motor-
car engine are directly due to
motor-racing, so a definite advance
in aeroplane design and engine im-
provement results from high speed
flying."

"Let us, then, whilst showing the
deepest sympathy with Lieut.
Kinkaid's family, refuse to abandon
the effort necessary for the progress
of aviation and make certain that
the sacrifices of pioneers shall not
have been made in vain."

In regard to the disastrous flight
of Captain Hinchcliffe and the Hon.
Elsie Mackay, the Air Minister paid
a tribute to the spirit of enterprise
and courage that inspired them, but
he warned British pilots against
attempting to cross the Atlantic
from East to West until machines
of greater endurance were avail-
able.

"Risk Too Great."

Risk was at present too great and
the odds were too heavy against
success.

At the same time, Sir Samuel
declared against any restriction
being placed upon the right of any
individual to embark upon such an
adventure. He believed that British
public opinion would rightly oppose
the fettering of the spirit of enter-
prise.

Moreover, he added, if Trans-
atlantic flights from British aerodromes
were stopped, British pilots
could fly to France or Ireland and
make the attempt with impunity.

BRITISH COAL INDUSTRY.

THE COAL MINES BILL
REJECTED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

London, March 23rd.
The House of Commons by 154
votes to 127, rejected the Coal
Miners Bill introduced by a Labour
member which was intended to re-
peal the Eight-Hours Act of 1926
and restore a seven-hour day in the
mines.

Replying to Labour and Liberal
speakers who blamed the act for
rendering British miners' condi-
tions and wages worse than on the
continent, Mr. Chamberlain, Sec-
retary of Mines, said the Act reduced
the price of coal by half a crown
per ton and enabled the country to
compete more closely with other
countries. British miners' wages,
however low, were over double those
of Polish miners and almost equal
to those of German workers.
Poland and Germany had increased
their exports but Britain had not
yet recovered from the heavy
blow received by the strike of 1926.
The repeal of the Act would un-
doubtedly reduce wages and in-
crease unemployment.

TYROL QUESTION.

THE POPE'S REPLY TO A
JOURNALIST.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Vienna, March 23rd.
Interviewed by a prominent Aus-
trian journalist in Rome on the
Tyrol question, His Holiness the
Pope declared he had done his best
in the matter of imparting reli-
gious instruction to German and
Austrian Catholics in the mother
tongue and added: "We are not
free. The relationship between the
Church and the State in Italy is
precisely what it was on September
21st, 1870. We will henceforth do
what we can."

DUTCH BILL PASSED.

SUCCESSION DUTIES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

The Hague, March 23rd.
The Bill authorising the suc-
cession duties on Dutch nationals
living abroad has been amended
and passed by the Second Chamber
by 49 votes to 12.

SOVIET'S IMPRACTICABLE SCHEMES.

DOOMED AT GENEVA.

FRESH PLAN OVER-ruled.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Geneva, March 23rd.

That the sweeping proposals for
disarmament placed before the Dis-
armament Committee are impractic-
able was decided generally to-day
when discussion arose over a re-
solution showing the impossibility
of the Russian plan, which can only
be realised when international
organisation is strengthened as re-
gards both its methods of pacific
procedure and systematic organi-
sation.

The Soviet plan should, however,
be submitted to the Members of the
League to ascertain whether its
provisions furnish valuable material
for the limitation of armaments.

An addendum to the resolution
passed empowered the Chairman to
fix a date during the next Session
for the second reading of the draft
Convention for the reduction and
limitation of armaments.

M. Litvinoff (Russia) and Count
Bernstorff (Germany) opposed the
addendum, the latter asking that
the second reading should be com-
pleted in the present Session.

M. Litvinoff announced his inten-
tion of submitting a fresh plan for
discussion at the present Session,
but the Chairman ruled that this
was impossible and the proceedings
were adjourned.

TEXTILE SHARE BOOM.

GROWING CONFIDENCE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

London, March 23rd.
I am afraid there will be some
severe financial headaches," was
the comment of a leading stock-broker
to-day, regarding the hectic scenes
on the Manchester Stock Exchange
yesterday which resembled a textile
boom almost similar to the rubber
boom of 1910.

The dealings reflected a change
of habit by the small investors who
favour ordinary shares instead of
preference shares, and thus re-
vealed that there is a growing con-
fidence in the future.

MINISTER TO VATICAN.

MR. H. G. CHILTON'S
APPOINTMENT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

London, March 23rd.
Mr. Henry Getty Chilton, C.M.G.,
becomes Minister of the Vatican in
succession to Sir Odo Russell,
whose appointment to be Envoy
Extraordinary and Minister Plen-
ipotentiary at The Hague was recent-
ly announced.

[Mr. Chilton, who has been Envoy
Extraordinary and Minister Plen-
ipotentiary at Washington since
1924, was born on October 15th,
1877, and is the son of the late
Capt. A. R. T. Chilton, late of the
Royal Artillery, of Moscow, Surrey.
Mr. Chilton entered the Diplomatic
Service as an Attaché in 1902 and
has served in various capacities in
Vienna, Copenhagen, The Hague,
Brussels, Berlin and Washington.]

PORT OF LONDON AUTHORITY.

EXPORT RATES REDUCED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

London, March 23rd.
The Port of London Authority
has announced that very substantial
reductions in the rates of exports
shipped from their quays will come
into operation on May 1st.

SOVIET GOLD FOR BRITAIN.

TEN TONS BEING SHIPPED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Riga, March 23rd.
A consignment of Soviet gold,
weighing ten tons, has arrived by
rail from Moscow and is being ship-
ped to England.

MEXICO CITY'S 'QUAKE.

ONLY TWO KILLED.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

Mexico City, March 23rd.
Despite the extreme violence of
Wednesday's earthquake and its ex-
tension over a larger area than the
Mexican States, only two persons
were killed and less than twenty
injured.

The muddy subsoil of the capital
acting as a cushion is said to have
been the only thing which saved it
from destruction.

UNIVERSITY FOR KABUL.

KING AMANULLAH'S
PROJECT.

LORD BIRKENHEAD'S INTER-
ESTING ANNOUNCEMENT.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, March 22nd.

The King and Queen of Afghanis-
tan motored to-day to Oxford where
an honorary degree of Doctor of
Civil Law was conferred upon King
Amanullah with traditional cere-
mony. The proceedings were con-
ducted, as usual, entirely in Latin.

The King and Queen Gouriya
were entertained to lunch by Lord
Birkenhead, the High Steward of
the University, in the absence,
through illness, of Viscount Cave,
Chancellor of the University.

Lord Birkenhead made an inter-
esting announcement.

He said, "It is, I believe, the
purpose of King Amanullah to
found a university in Kabul to be
the centre of culture and learning
in that part of Asia and so revive
the glories of the wonderful past.
More than 1,000 years ago there
flourished near the shores of Oxus
in Northern Afghanistan, the world-
famed University of Cactria.

"History relates that this illu-
strious city of learning was razed
to the ground by the all-devouring
Janghiz Khan, world conqueror,
ruthless and unyielding."

"We in Oxford shall follow the
execution of Amanullah's concep-
tion with warm sympathy and in-
terest. It may even be that the
Queen of Afghanistan's brother who
is here among us to-day as an
undergraduate may live to become
the first Vice-Chancellor of this
university."

"It is not easy for us in 20th
Century England to realise what
deep-seated difficulties King Ama-
nullah has been called on to face
and has steadfastly confronted to
promote the cause of learning in his
far-away home."

BOMBERS' WAR ON "BIG BILL."

PANIC IN CHICAGO.

WASHINGTON, February 23rd.

A situation without parallel in
the history of the city exists in
Chicago, where the residences of
Mayor Thompson, his chief of
police, the State Attorney, and
several other prominent officials are
surrounded by police to protect
them from bombers and other
criminals.

During the last few weeks the
houses of these and other officials
have been bombed and they have
been threatened with death. What
increases panic is the admission of
the Mayor and the chief of police
that they are helpless under the at-
tacks of the bombers and do not
know who is instigating them.

It is believed that gamblers, boot-
leggers, and other criminals, against
whom the police have been waging
relentless war, are the "pineapple
bombers," the under-world designa-
tion for bomb-throwers, but their
identity is unknown to the police.

So terrorised are many city
officials that they are sending their
families out of town. The Chicago
Crime Commission, a non-official
civic body whose members are lead-
ing business men, has called a meet-
ing to see if something cannot be
done to stop the reign of terror.



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H.K. & W. Docks	248 sel.
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Do.	594 sel.
Do.	114 sel.
H.K. & S. Hotels	2930 buy, 2 sa.
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Hong Kong Realities	244 buy, 2 sa.
H.K. Territorials	114 nom.
H.K. Tramways	224 sel.
Peak Tram (old)	114 sel.
Do.	377 buy.
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Do.	114 sel.
Do.	114 sel.
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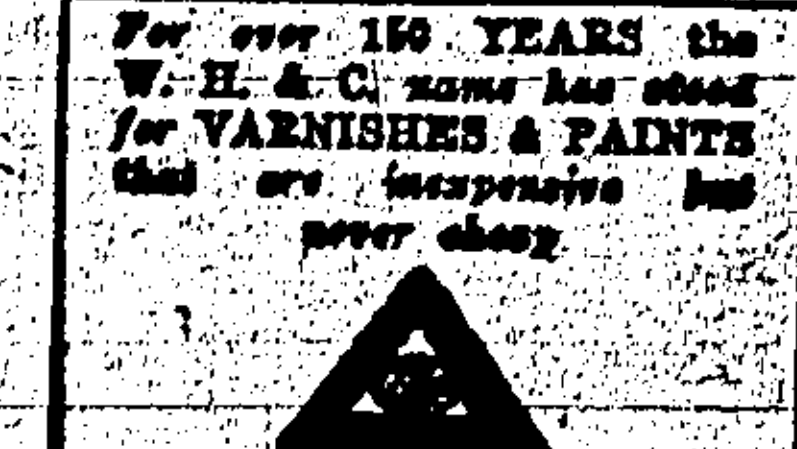
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INTERVIEW WITH SIR A. BUTT.

When people read the other day of a great new theatre for London, to be called the Dominion, with a seating capacity of over 2,600, they asked themselves, bearing in mind all the theatres we have and the difficulty of finding successful plays for the whole of them, whether there is really a need for it. Sir Alfred Butt, in an interview with a representative of *The Observer*, supplies a very definite answer to the question.

"In my opinion," he says, "there is a distinct growth in the demand by the public for entertainments of all kinds, and particularly for big musical shows. Post-war conditions in the theatre, however, are such that it is impossible to present big musical plays in pre-war theatres, with few exceptions, and make them commercially successful, on account of the enormous increase in the cost of everything pertaining to the theatre.

"I am confident, too, that there is a very large number of people who cannot easily afford the minimum prices which musical attractions produced in the West-End under existing conditions are obliged to charge. These reasons have largely influenced the directions of Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, Ltd., and Moss Empires, Ltd., to build the Dominion Theatre.

A Magnificent Site.

"This theatre, situated in the heart of the West-End—a magnificent site, where Meux's brewery once stood, at the corner of Oxford-street and Tottenham Court-road, with direct access by tube and bus with all parts of London—will have a perfect seating capacity of over 2,600, thus enabling spectacular musical plays to be produced there on a most lavish scale.

"The main entrance will be through a spacious grand entrance hall in Tottenham Court-road, near the corner of New Oxford-street, and this entrance will be faced with Portland stone of outstanding architectural design. The auditorium will have a width of 109 feet and a depth from back to front of 100 feet, while the proscenium opening will be 48 feet. The stalls will comfortably seat 1,200, the Royal circle 338, the grand circle 372, and the upper circle 680.

"A novel and unique feature of the theatre will be its roomy, handsomely decorated foyers and lounges for every part of the house, where in intervals visitors may retire from their seats and meet their friends in comfort and ease. Provision will be made for a separate Royal entrance, with direct access to the Royal box, and special retiring rooms adjacent.

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"Ample dressing rooms and chorus rooms, designed with the idea of giving artists the greatest possible facilities and comforts, including shower baths, have been provided for with special lifts to each floor. Some of the dressing rooms have a separate bath adjoining, and there are baths conveniently situated on each floor. Large wardrobe rooms will be provided, and also a laundry.

"The stage will be spacious and well equipped with special counter-weighting gear, and will possess the most up-to-date facilities for staging the largest productions. Well-decorated retiring rooms will be provided on each floor, together with cloakrooms and adequate bars and staff rooms. There will be a modern cinema-matograph projection room, and the electrical equipment will be of the latest and most effective design.

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"This will undoubtedly be the largest modern theatre in the country, and with the enormous seating capacity we shall be able to present entertainments of the same magnificence and luxury as at Drury Lane, and provide a very large number of stalls at 8s. 8d., with corresponding prices in other parts of the house.

"In order to provide suitable plays and avoid unnecessary competition and minimise the risks necessarily attendant in all theatrical enterprises, Mr. R. H. Gillespie, managing director of Moss Empires, and I have decided to form the United Producing Corporation, in which company the Dominion Theatre, Moss Empire, Ltd., and Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, Ltd., will each hold a substantial portion of the capital.

"In substance, it is a comprehensive 'pooling' scheme, which both Mr. Gillespie and I feel should not only be for the benefit of the shareholders of the various companies, but for the benefit of the theatre-going public. There are always too many for failures."

(Continued on next column.)

ARE THERE ANY LETTERS FOR YOU?

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A HANGMAN'S JOB.

VICE-COMMISSAR OF JUSTICE IN MOSCOW.

Riga. Moscow announces the appointment of Comrade Stutchka, a Latvian Communist known as the Latvian hangman to be Soviet Vice-Commissar of Justice.

When Red Letta captured Latvia in 1919 Stutchka conducted a reign of terror and was instrumental in the slaughter of more than 6,000 Riga citizens in four months.

Riga newspapers emphasise that his appointment is a most appropriate example of Moscow's methods of execution and justice.

but which in practice be for the benefit of authors, composers, artists, and employees, as it will enable us to avoid wasteful expenditure and unproductive competition.

"As the super-cinema, with a huge holding capacity providing the last word in comfort and elegance, of which the New Empire which will be opened this year will be the latest and, I hope, the example, has superseded and is superseding the smaller cinema, so I think will the super-musical comedy house replace the smaller pre-war theatres devoted to musical plays.

"I do not suggest for one moment that pre-war theatres have outlived their usefulness; on the contrary, I am perfectly certain that the legitimate drama will continue to thrive and prosper—a good entertaining play, well acted, will always attract a big audience—and with the increasing demand for all forms of entertainment there is still room for not only the existing small theatres, but for considerable acquisition to their number. As a matter of fact, London has many fewer theatres than New York. After all, there can never be enough theatres for successes, while there are always too many for failures."

PILLION GIRL LEFT TO DIE.

CENSURE ON A MOTOR CYCLIST.

MARRIED MAN WHO "LOST HIS HEAD."

"If the girl had been a dog, he could not have behaved worse," said Mr. G. E. Bouskell, the South Leicestershire coroner, referring to Pierce Albert Humphries, of Weddington, Nuneaton, a motor-cyclist, who was severely censured by a Hincley jury for having left his girl pillion passenger to die on the roadside after she had fallen from his machine.

The inquest was on Doris Geary, aged 22, of Opton-square, Hincley, who was found dying just outside Hincley at 11 o'clock at night. Dorothy May Nowell, of Hincley, said she and Doris Geary got into conversation with Humphries and another man in the White Bear Inn, Hincley, and then went for a ride on the back of the men's motor-cycles.

Joseph Clifford Williams, a carpenter, of Nuneaton, with whom Miss Nowell was riding, said he was a married man with four children.

Dr. J. H. Donnell, of Hincley, said death was due to laceration of the brain. He did not think immediate attention after the accident would have saved the girl's life.

Went Home.

Pierce Albert Humphries, the man with whom Doris Geary rode, said he was a married man with one child.

Describing the accident, he said that when approaching Hincley, his machine wobbled, throwing the girl off. His speed was 15 miles an hour. He stopped, turned back, and found the girl lying on the road. He caught her by the arms and tried to get her to speak.

Mr. Bouskell: What then?—Being a married man I lost my head. I got on my machine and went home.

Mr. Bouskell: You left that poor girl alone in the gutter unconscious; you treated her a great deal worse than people treat dogs!

Humphries replied that he did not think the girl was seriously hurt, and, further replying, said he did not make a practice of taking strange girls for rides.

Questioned by the foreman, he said that if he had been a single man he would have stuck to the girl and helped to get her to hospital.

Mr. Bouskell said he could not understand the mentality of the man who did such a thing as Humphries had done.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death, and stated that the motor-cyclist deserved severe censure.

Mr. Bouskell, addressing Humphries, said that he did not think anything he said to him would have the slightest effect. To say anything to a person who could leave a girl lying in the gutter, not knowing whether she was dead or alive, was a waste of words. If that would not be a lesson to him he could not imagine anything in this world that would.

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NEW TURKISH DANCE.

KEMAL PASHA AND THE "ZEIBEK"

BUDAPEST.

The "Délibat" ("Mirage"), a

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"Zeibek" has been introduced by

Kemal Pasha to Turkish society at

the Tokation Palace at Pera. It

is stated that last summer Kemal

Pasha expressed his disapproval of

the modern European dances which

are being adopted at the Turkish

pleasure resorts, and, remembering

that he had seen the "Zeibek" per-

girls' school in Smyrna, he called in the help of the pedagogues, Selim Sirry Bey, to modernise it for general use.

The new dance, which was originated by the Zeibeks (an old Turkish race inhabiting the mountains near Smyrna, who performed it with knives and daggers and pistols, to the music of shepherds' pipes), has been transformed to symbolise the earth (the man) turning round the sun (the woman), and the dance ends after five figures by the gentleman embracing his partner. It is stated that the two daughters of Selim Sirry Bey will start on a tour of Europe with the object of studying Western dancing and bringing old Turkish dances up to date.

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CHINESE TEMPLES.

ABUSES IN MANAGEMENT.

COMMITTEE OF CONTROL TO
BE APPOINTED.

PROPOSED NEW ORDINANCE.

Sir Shou-son Chow and Dr. R. H. Kotewall will shortly apply to the Legislative Council for a bill to suppress and prevent abuses in the management of Chinese temples and in the administration of the funds of these temples.

The "term Chinese temple" is taken to include every place where worship of gods, or communication with spirits, or fortune telling, is practised or is intended to be practised, and where fees, payments or rewards of any kind whatsoever are charged to or are accepted from any member of the public for the purpose of worship or communication with spirits or fortune telling or any similar purpose.

Control Committee.

It is proposed that the Committee of Control shall comprise the Secretary for Chinese Affairs (Chairman), the Chinese members of the Legislative Council, a representative of the District Watch Committee, the officially appointed Chinese members of the Sanitary Committee, the Chairman of the Tung Wa Hospital and the senior member of the Committee of the Po Leung Kuk.

The Ordinance is being introduced on the strong recommendation and urgent request of the leaders of the Chinese community. It will not interfere in any way whatsoever with genuine Chinese religion and the principles of the bill have evoked enthusiastic support from the Chinese community.

The Objects Of The Bill.

The objects of the bill are—
(a) to prevent the exploitation of the ignorant by charlatans;

(b) to recover for the benefit of the community the control over public temples which have been slipping into private hands; and

(c) to prevent for the future the establishment of temples as purely business speculation.

There has been an alarming growth of pseudo-religious establishments in recent years. Many of the keepers are simply fortune tellers of an unrecognized and objectionable kind. Some of these temples occupy a single floor for a few months at a time until they have dealt with all the dupes of the district, when they move elsewhere.

There are some private temples, established originally by private individuals or particular families, which are managed honestly and unobjectionably, though, of course, the profits go to the private owners. All temples which are clearly of this class will be specifically exempted from the financial control proposed to be set up by the Ordinance. There are other temples, originally established by sections of the community for the benefit of the public, which are falling or which have fallen under the control of private individuals. These individuals, or their predecessors, have thus encroached on the rights of the public and can have no claim against the community to usurp the revenues of these temples. Such temples will be brought under the control of the Ordinance.

For the future it is felt that temples should not be private property, conducted for the pecuniary benefit of private individuals. Accordingly, all future temples will also fall under the control of the Ordinance.

The main principles of the Ordinance are that, except in the case of the exempted temples, the revenues, funds, investments and properties of all Chinese temples shall be under the control of a strong Chinese Committee, presided over by the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, and that any surplus revenues, remaining after providing for due observance of the customary ceremonies and the maintenance of the temple buildings and temple properties shall be applied for the purposes of Chinese charities in the Colony generally.

Control of this kind and with this object, though not by means of the same machinery, is not unknown at present. It has been, for example, tried successfully. One example is that of the Han Wong Temple near Kowloon City. Temples which have been so strongly recommended.

THE P.C.M.O.

CHANGE IN NAME.

DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND
SANITARY SERVICES.

The P.C.M.O. is to be changed

to the D.M.S.S., and an Ordinance will be introduced at the next meeting of the Legislative Council in order that the change may be effected in proper legal form.

The change of title is being made in connection with the re-organization of the Medical and Sanitary Departments.

The Ordinance dealing with the matter will be known as the Principal Civil Medical Officer (Change of Name) Ordinance, 1928.

Apart from the title clause there is only one clause in the new Ordinance. This reads as follows:

Whenever, in any Ordinance, order of the Governor in Council, order of the Governor, rule, regulation, minute, by-law, deed, contract, official letter, or other document, the term "Principal Civil Medical Officer" or "Colonial Surgeon" occurs, and, in order to give effect thereto it is necessary to substitute the term "Director of Medical and Sanitary Services," such Ordinance or other document shall be read and construed accordingly.

years control of this temple has resulted in a surplus sufficient to justify the use of it in building a new out-patient hospital in Kowloon City in connection with the Chinese Dispensary. This use of the balance was suggested by the representatives of the inhabitants of Kowloon City, and it is no doubt an illustration of the kind of policy which will be followed under the Ordinance.

The Ordinance requires the registration of all Chinese temples. Amongst the particulars required on the registration are particulars of the funds of the temple and particulars as to the intended application of the revenue of the temple. The section makes it an offence for any person to take any part in the establishment, maintenance or management of an unregistered temple.

Allocation Of Revenues.

It is provided that the revenues of all Chinese temples, except the exempted temples, shall be applied in the first instance to the due observance of the customary ceremonies and the maintenance of the temple buildings and temple properties, and that any surplus may be transferred to the General Chinese Charities Fund. The Bill also provides that it shall be within the discretion of the Chinese Temples Committee to decide what are the customary ceremonies of any particular Chinese temple, and what amount may be spent on any particular authorized object, and what surplus may be transferred to the General Chinese Charities Fund.

The General Chinese Charities Fund may be applied (a) to the expenses incurred by the Chinese Temples Committee in carrying out the powers conferred on the Committee by this Ordinance, and (b) for the purpose of any Chinese charity in the Colony. It also provides that the accounts of the fund shall be audited at such times and in such manner as the Governor may direct. The office of auditor, or temple keeper, may be let by tender, and the Chinese Temples Committee shall have power to determine the conditions of tender. The principal if not the only source of revenue in the case of most Chinese temples is the periodical amount paid by the temple keeper for the privilege of his office. Any tendency on the part of temple keepers to make excessive charges to the public is probably sufficiently checked by the will also in future be subject to control by the Chinese Temples Committee. The section also gives the Chinese Temples Committee power to appoint a "chuk" without tender, and power to remove any "chuk" whether appointed by them or not.

The Chinese Temples Committee is given the power to delegate to any person the administration of any particular temple or its revenues. Certain temples are now controlled by the Tung Wa and Kwong Wa Hospitals. It is not proposed to interfere with this arrangement.

General Approval.

The main principles of the Bill were approved by the District Watch Committee, the Tung Wa Hospital Committee, the Po Leung Kuk Committee, the Chinese Dispensary Committee, and the Kwong Wa Hospital Committee. All the members of these committees, except four, signed a memorial in favour of the principles of the Bill. One of the four who did not sign was absent through illness, and the other three were absent from the Colony. The members of three of the four committees are all elected by the community. It would be difficult to find stronger evidence of the support given to the principles of the Bill by the leaders of the Chinese community in this Colony. It is believed that the details of the Bill merely carry out the main principles which have been so strongly recommended.

PICCADILLY'S NEW BUILDINGS.

DEVONSHIRE HOUSE AND
OTHERS.

TRADE COMING WEST.

With the completion of the new bank at the corner of Albemarle-street, Piccadilly sees the last of its many recent changes. It is surely the most remarkable street in Europe. The strange thing about it is that although since the war so many new buildings have arisen along its footwalks, its character remains the same. This comes, one supposes, of either having no character at all, or of having a character which is so much a sentiment in the hearts of men that it matters little what the units are like so long as they express the social well-being of a distinguished prominence.

Pall Mall is mostly clubs. The Strand, Regent-street, and Oxford-street are mainly shops and offices. Piccadilly does not conform to any type. It is a microcosm of the vast city. It is everything; shops, offices, hotels, restaurants, banks, clubs, private residences, and blocks of flats. It has its Wren church and Grinling Gibbons carvings of St. James, its centres of learning and the arts in Burlington House and the two Royal Societies of Painters; and although it has no longer its concert hall, since "Jimmy's" was pulled down to make way for Norman Shaw's Piccadilly Hotel, it still has its museum; the Museum of Practical Geology, which stands unnoticed at the Circus end, and which they talk of pulling down.

As each important change has taken place it has preserved somehow the balance of one kind of building to another; residence to trade, offices to clubs. The more things change the more they are the same.

But although the representative proportions are about the same their manner is different. Everything has got larger, more wealthy, and perhaps, a little less dignified. Instead of small offices we have palatial banks. Instead of aristocratic private residences we have colossal blocks of flats. It is true that the nomadic car industry, after wandering into Great Portland-street and Euston road, has also set its silken tents in Piccadilly. But the elegant jewel-setting of the cars is in accordance with all the established traditions of the street. There is, however, a slight decline in clubs, which is a pity; for the figure of the clubman is so much a part of every mental picture of Piccadilly.

New Buildings.

In detail, what are these changes that have taken place in our midst, almost overnight? A walk along Piccadilly from the Circus end will reveal them.

Swan and Edwards, resplendent in resinated stone and a design by Sir Reginald Blomfield and others, as far back on a new frontage. On the left, Pennington's Geological Museum stands where it did, grimly aware of its incongruity. The parish church of St. James has a pretty little bank in new red brick—by Sir Edwin Lutyens—on one hand, but on the other there is the same old dignified church house, with white hearthstones and steps impinging on the footway, and beside the church there is that same little forest of plane trees. Further on, above the canopy of Princes Restaurant, the Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colour still present a cultured frontispiece to the world, and opposite, near the Albany, may still be seen a gentleman's private residence of Regency days, which in its refined stucco and prim little balcony looks a little sheepishly at the downright beauty of a handsome new tie shop by the approach to the Albany. But Fortnum and Mason's, in the hands of Messrs. Wimperis, Simpson and Guthrie, is already transformed into a sympathetic design of rich red brick and cream-coloured stone, and where are the buildings that stood at the corner of Albemarle-street? And where is Devonshire House and all that parcel of land which stood between Berkeley-street and Stratton-street and between Berkeley-square and the noisy world? Gone.

The New Bank.

At the corner of Albemarle-street the new Westminster Bank has suddenly appeared free of its scaffolding. It was designed by Mr. Curtis Green, and it vies in importance, as it does in design, with the Barclays Bank opposite (late the Wolsey Building), which was designed by the same architect, and which bears a plaque outside to say that its architect was awarded the R.I.B.A. London Architecture Medal for this, the most distinguished facade of its year. The new Westminster Bank does not seem to have the same artistic unity as this earlier masterpiece. It is divided into any number of stories and rises up like one giant, to be capped at the top by a weak cornice by yet another building, which has its own little columns and verandah and its own little roof of green eaves. Seen, however, in perspective along Piccadilly, the interest becomes more focused, and the effect is one of greater repose. The detail is, as one would expect, very good.

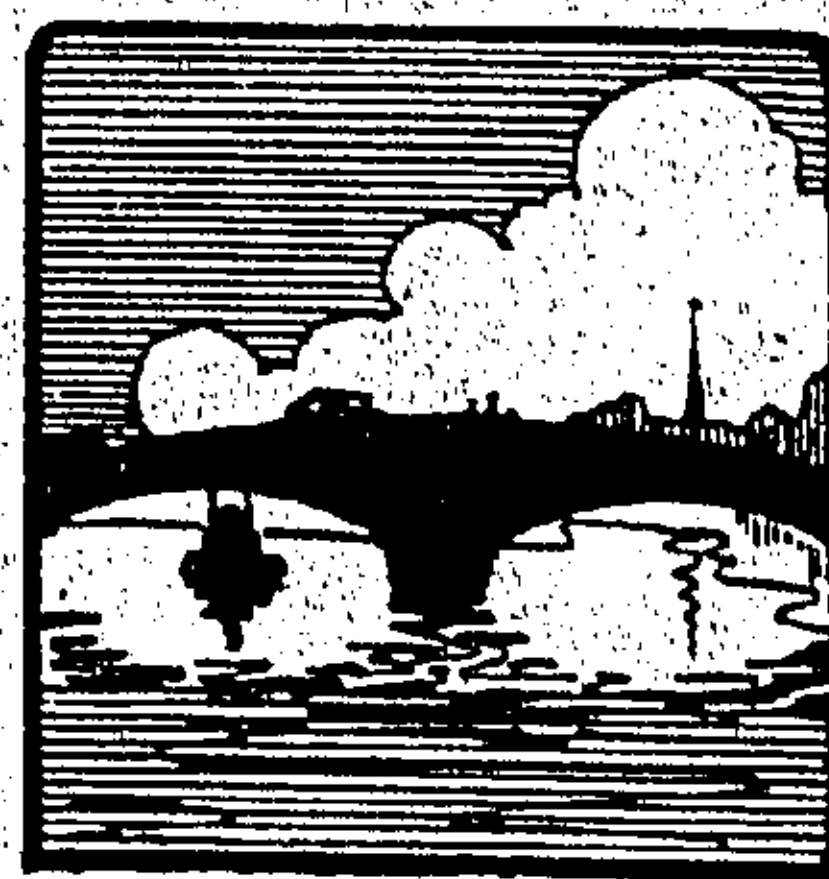
The new Devonshire House, reminding us of all that which is best and brightest in New York, has not yet quite settled down into its place. Its size and its uncountable windows were rather a shock at first; but perhaps when its expensive detail has become streaked with grime it will look down a little more kindly upon us. The London fog is a most democratic leveller.

Oublied Invaded.

Behind new Devonshire House, and along the widened Berkeley-street there is building all the way to Berkeley-square. The whole of this area has undergone the most remarkable change. Along Stratton-street and fronting Piccadilly another huge block of flats is half-finished (also from the designs of Mr. Curtis Green). This block has every virtue of simplicity, refinement, and good proportions. It is urbane without carrying a wealth of detail or striving to maintain the

civic pride of Sir Christopher Wren. Further west clubland has been invaded. The Royal Thames Yacht Club, in a delicate air of success and graceful verandahs, has gone. Bath House, on the other corner of Bolton-street, still holds its own behind brick walls, and No. 94, the Naval and Military Club, behind a screen wall and cobbled courtyard, is as much a house of quality now as in the days when Lord Palmerston lived there. The Ishman Club has become the Green Park Hotel; yet still it cannot disguise its classic beauty behind a large projecting doorway. But the Saville seems to be deserted, and is so wedged in beside the shiny white mass of the new Park Lane Hotel that its beloved bow window looks more bulgy than ever.

Towards Hyde Park the residential character remains. The great houses of state are well back from them. Iron railings, lace curtains still appear behind spotted window-frames, and Andley House is as grim as ever. Observer.

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A MIGHTY BACKFIRE.

TURNS OUT POLICE AND VOLUNTEERS.

NERVY CANTON.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, March 25th.

That the people of Canton have not got over their fear of the Communists, and are easily frightened, is indicated by the following story: Last Friday evening two sharp penetrating noises resembling rifle shots were heard in front of the Canton Branch of the Commercial Press, on Wing Hon Maloo, a busy business section of the City.

People began to run in all directions to hide themselves, imagining something unpleasant had begun. The shop-keepers locked their doors and iron gates, all the policemen in Wing Hon drew their revolvers, grasped their rifles and blew their whistles. Policemen patrolling neighbouring streets at once answered the call and began to pour into Wing Hon arms "at the ready."

For a time there was great confusion. All sorts of rumours sprang up and the policemen were all at a loss as to what the matter was. Meanwhile the Merchants' Volunteer Corps of Wing Hon Maloo had heard the emergency call of the Police and had assembled in groups, preparing for action. The situation thus developed for more than ten minutes, but nothing happened.

Subsequent investigation showed that nothing had happened, and that the gun-like noises were due to backfiring of an automobile packed at the corner of Wing Hon and Si Wu Street. One person remarked that at present the people of Canton, to quote a well known Chinese saying are: "Frightened out of wits at hearing the wind and the cry of the cranes."

YELLOW FLOWER HILL OBSERVANCES.

Big preparations are being made by various Government organisations for the annual observance of the death of the 72 heroes at Yellow Flower Hill. The customary services will be held in Canton on the 29th of this month, when thousands of Government officials, merchants and people of all walks of life, will gather at the Yellow Flower Hill to render solemn homage to the men who gave their lives 18 years ago for the cause of national freedom.

The organisation has been entrusted to a preparatory committee. Mourning palls will be erected and an imposing picture depicting the work of the 72 heroes will be hung in some conspicuous place in the city. Handbills and pamphlets telling of the events leading to the summary execution of these 72 men by the Manchurians will be distributed to the people. Our representative was told by one of the organizers that the occasion will be more solemn and imposing than any held previously.

Thursday is to be declared a holiday by the Government to enable the people to make the pilgrimage to the Yellow Flower Hill. All flags will be at half mast and all theatrical performances and other forms of amusement will be suspended between noon and 8 o'clock.

A VISITOR FROM NANKING.

Mr. Lin Sen, a member of the Nationalist Government, has arrived in Canton from Nanking. Mr. Lin's visit is in connection with important Kuomintang affairs and he has had interviews with leading officials here.

Mr. Lin has been Commissioner of Reconstruction of Kwangtung and effected a number of improvements. A few years ago he had to leave Canton hastily on account of his bold stand against Communism when it was at the height of its influence. His present return to Canton is cordially welcome by all officials.

CHINESE JOURNALISM.

THE HONG KONG AND CANTON PAPERS.

NEW ONES TO BE STARTED.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

Chinese newspapers from Canton are now to be freely admitted into Hong Kong, according to a formal statement issued by the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs.

Canton Authorities only permitted the entry of one or two Hong Kong papers, during the boycott, but since the ending of the boycott, many Hong Kong newspapers have been allowed in Canton, though the *Industrial and Commercial Daily News*, was excluded on the grounds that it was the organ of the "Imperialists." This idea came from the fact that certain Chinese interests friendly to the Government of Hong Kong had shares in the company owning the paper.

Hong Kong is probably to have several newspapers.

There will be the "One Cent" News, to be published in Chinese, and one of the promoters is Mr. Wong Tong, formerly an official under the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen in Canton.

Mr. Cheng Tao Shui, a former magistrate of Heungshan, is promoting an Anglo-Chinese daily, under the name of *Tai Tung*, and it is understood that Mr. Henry C. Lee, formerly editor of the *Canton Gazette* and at one time holding a similar position on the defunct *China Outlook*, will be editor of this Anglo-Chinese newspaper.

Also to-day another Chinese daily newspaper, the *Yin Chiang Pao*, will make its debut. This will be a Canton Government organ and will make Hong Kong the chief news distributing centre in South China.

Canton used to have more than 40 newspapers at one time, but now the number is decreasing, and it has fewer newspapers than Hong Kong, and the circulation of Hong Kong newspapers in Canton is greater than that of the home journals. Canton now has nine daily newspapers, and Hong Kong, eleven.

A Hong Kong newspaper sells at from eight to ten cents a copy, while a Canton newspaper in Canton never could command more than four cents, local currency.

In Canton the printers dictate the number of holidays for newspapers, and in addition to the four or five Sundays of a month, there is an average of four or five other holidays besides. In March, 1928, for instance, the 12th was celebrated as the third anniversary of the death of Dr. Sun Yat Sen; the 16th, Labour Day; the 22nd, memorial day in honour of those who fell in the "anti-Red" campaign on the East River front; and on the 29th, will be observed as Sunflower Festival in memory of the 72 who died in the first battle of the Revolution in Canton in 1911.

In Hong Kong, at least four dailies publish Sunday editions, and these often are the only papers found on Sundays and holidays in Canton. The night boats from Hong Kong carry special editions of Hong Kong papers which are distributed in Canton early in the morning. Hong Kong morning papers reach Canton at noon by the Canton-Kowloon express.

The Authorities in Canton wish to give the profession of journalism a better standing and the Law Department of the Sun Yat Sen University have invited a professor of the Arts Department, who is a well-known newspaperman, to give a series of lectures on journalism as a part of the law course. That future lawyers and judges of the courts of Canton should understand something of the functions of a newspaper and the duty of journalists opens an avenue for mutual confidence between the Government and the Press.

(Continued on next Column).

"A CHEERFUL OUTLOOK."

RECONSTRUCTION IN CANTON AND CHINA.

ADDRESS BY CANTON FOREIGN MINISTER.

That the present diplomatic relations of the Nationalist Government with the Powers justifies optimism was the keynote of the address given by Mr. Chu Shao Han, in the Pui Ching Baptist Academy, Tungshan, on March 22nd.

Since Mr. L. P. Wan became principal of the School, he has planned a scientific system to improve and re-organize the curriculum of his institution which includes public lectures by prominent persons.

Mr. Chu, in his speech, said that although the foreign Powers, equipped with modern armaments, could wipe out the whole country, yet they did not use those armaments. The Western Powers no longer found it possible to wield the big stick in their China policy as they did during the Manchu Dynasty, because they could not now force the Chinese officials to impose their will on the people or to demand them to do certain things beneficial to foreigners. This was done during the Ching Dynasty when the Manchus were afraid of foreigners and would enforce their wishes on the people. To-day, the situation was different. Chinese diplomats could promise anything unless they had the backing of the people.

The Nationalist Government does not desire formal or *de jure* recognition at the present moment, continued the speaker, but virtual recognition becomes an established fact. He cited his recent visit with General Li Tsai Han to Hong Kong where the guns from British forts boomed out salutes to the Nationalist gunboat as she entered Hong Kong harbour. On that occasion, the Nationalist flags were flying everywhere in Hong Kong. These acts, said Mr. Chu, amounted to *de facto* recognition by the British Government. He told his audience that Admiral Mark Bristol, commander-in-chief of the American Asiatic Fleet, would soon visit Canton, and when he arrived the usual salutes would be exchanged.

But the Nationalist Government does not, he said, favour the recognition of regional governments, for this will split up China into several states in theory as well as in fact. The Nationalist Government, according to Mr. Chu, aims to unify the country, and when Peking falls into the hands of the Kuomintang, *de jure* recognition will be a matter of course. It is but a question of time. Meanwhile, relations with the Powers go on smoothly which justifies a cheerful outlook.

The ex-Minister to Great Britain also mentioned the League of Nations as an instrument of peace and predicted that China would continue to work for the progress of the League as long as it does not compromise her interest.

Turning to the recent Sino-British rapprochement, Mr. Chu said that it is a meaningless talk about "Down with Imperialism." People repeat too much this hackneyed expression but few understand its significance. "Down with" was a destructive term, while that which Canton and China need was reconstruction. He emphasized the necessity of friendship with foreign Powers on the basis of reciprocity. He concluded his remarks by pointing out the utmost necessity of improving communication between Canton and Hong Kong, which could be expedited by wireless telegraphy, television, and commercial aviation.

In Hong Kong, an Institute of Journalism has been started at 22, Bonham Road, and junior members—young men and women desiring to learn the newspaper game—may take lectures in the evening from experienced and active newspapermen on the history and principles of journalism, news gathering, news editing, and allied work.

The Chinese newspapers in Hong Kong include the *Wah Tat*, *Yat Pao*, the *Tau Wan Pao*, the *Tai Kwong Pao*, the *Kung Sheung Pao*, the *Wah Kin Yat Pao*, known as the big five, and also the *Hong Kong Sun Pao*, *Hong Kong Maan Pao*, *Nam Chung Pao*, *Wah Kung Pao*, the *Sun Chung Kwok Pao*, and the new one, the *Yin Chiang Pao*.

Newspapers in daily circulation in Canton are the *Seventy-two Commercial Guide*, *Yueh Wah*, *Sun Kwok Wah*, *Ming Kuo*, *Kuo Min*, *Kung Ping*, *Kung Wo*, *Shih Cheng*, and *Yin Chiang*.

DANGEROUS DRUGS TRAFFIC.

PROPOSED NEW LEGISLATION.

GIVING EFFECT TO THE GENEVA CONVENTION.

HONG KONG REGULATIONS.

At the next meeting of the Legislative Council a Bill will be introduced to give effect in Hong Kong to the terms of the International Convention signed at Geneva on February 19th, 1925. The new Bill will amend the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance of 1923.

The drugs to which the Bill applies are morphine, cocaine (including synthetic cocaine), ecgonine, diacetylmorphine (commonly known as diamorphine or heroin) and their respective salts, medicinal opium, and any extract or tincture of Indian hemp, and any preparation, admixture, extract or other substance containing any proportion of diacetylmorphine or containing not less than one-fifth per cent. of morphine or one-tenth per cent. of cocaine or ecgonine.

The granting or refusal of any licence or authority under this new Ordinance, and the revocation of any such licence or authority, will lie in the absolute discretion of the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, who may impose any conditions that he may think fit upon the granting of any such licence or authority.

Prohibitions are expressly extended to cases where the other party to the transaction is not in the Colony.

It is made an offence to deal with the drugs to which the Ordinance applies as well as to deal in them. It is made an offence to pretend to deal in any of the drugs to which the Ordinance applies. This is intended to meet a possible defence that the accused had no real intention of dealing in dangerous drugs but was only pretending to do so with some other object.

The prohibitions are also expressly made to apply whether it is intended that the drug in question should be imported into the Colony or not.

The possession of the keys of any box, drawer or other receptacle containing a drug to which the Ordinance applies is made presumptive evidence of possession of the drug with guilty knowledge.

The possession of a baggage receipt or of any thing intended to serve the purpose of a baggage receipt is similarly made presumptive evidence of possession with guilty knowledge.

A new sub-section provides that the above presumptions cannot be rebutted by proof that the accused never had physical possession of the drug in question.

S.S. "SUNNING" BADLY AGROUND.

MEN-OF-WAR BOATS STAND BY.

The s.s. *Sunning* was reported yesterday to be badly aground on the South End of Rattlers Island, off Tai Ping Chow. Two British warships, H.M. ships *Nesva* and *Onslaught*, and the French gunboat *Argus* are standing by.

The s.s. *Sunning* left Hong Kong on Saturday night bound for Wu-chow and when about 30 miles off Tai Ping Chow she grounded very heavily. Her present condition is not known, but it is fortunate that the gunboats are in attendance as the district where she lies is badly infested with pirates.

The vessel is commanded by Captain Thompson.

The steamship in question is Chinese-owned but is registered as a British vessel. She is not the vessel which was pirated under dramatic circumstances in November 1926, whose vessel left for Shanghai on Saturday.

A SAMPAN TRAGEDY.

CHILD'S LIFE THROWN AWAY.

Three men hired a sampan at Mongkok on Saturday night about 9 o'clock. Before the sampan had got very far, one of the men asked if he could help to row. This was refused by the owner of the sampan, a woman, whereupon the man used force, and in the struggle the boat capsized.

The occupants, including two little children, were thrown into the water. They were, however, saved by a passing boat, excepting one of the children whose body has not been recovered.

One of the men was arrested.

"THE CAMPUS FLIRT."

AMERICAN GIRLS IN COLLEGE.

A TRUE PICTURE.

THE WILBUR PLAYERS' PROGRAMME.

[BY OUR FILM CRITIC.]

Pretty, vivacious "Bebe" Daniels makes "The Campus Flirt," a story of American college life. Its producers contend that it is indeed a typical picture, and we should be interested to hear the opinion of any American on the subject, for to British eyes a great deal of it seems to be wildly improbable.

But that does not matter. It is a breezy, quick-moving, and very amusing film with a charming leading lady and one really good incident—the girl's relay race which forms the climax of the picture is almost as exciting as the famous chariot race in "Ben Hur."

Patricia Mansfield (Bebe Daniels) is the spoiled daughter of wealthy parents whose 100 per cent. American blood has been somewhat thinned by an European education. Her father sends her to college where Patricia feels herself the superior of her fellows. But they soon put her right on that subject and love leads her to train to take part in the inter-college sports. When the great day comes every thing depends on her twinkling legs and after sundry misadventures of an amusing type, she is instrumental in winning a victory for her college. You will enjoy "The Campus Flirt" for it carries along at great pace and is never dull for an instant.

THE WEEKLY PROGRAMME.

Queen's.
To-day: "The Campus Flirt."
Tuesday and Wednesday: "Roginald Denny in a new comedy 'On Your Toes'."

Thursday to Saturday: "Jon Chaney, Norman Kerry and Joan Crawford in a new mystery drama 'The Unknown' also a return visit of the charming Chinese vocalist, Miss Chee Toy, in new songs."

World.
To-day, At 5.15 and 9.30: Dolores Costello in "The Little Irish Girl"; at 2.30 and 7.15: The Chinese drama "The Monkey Monk."
Tuesday and Wednesday, 5.15 and 9.30: Alice Joyce, Conway Tearle and Clara Bow in "Dancing Mothers." Other houses: "The Monkey Monk."

Thursday to Saturday: Lillian and Dorothy Gish in "Orphans of the Storm."
Star.
To-day: "The Understanding Heart," the story of a forest fire.
Tuesday and Wednesday: "Drusilla With a Million."
Thursday to Saturday: Clara Bow in "The Runaway."

"The Unknown."
Jon Chaney is said to have the strangest rôle of his career in a mystery picture "The Unknown" which is coming to the Queen's Theatre on Thursday. The story revolves around a Spanish Circus with Jon Chaney as a sinister, armless freak, ruling the underworld from his hiding place in the tented city. His love for a dancer in the circus, his jealousy of the strong man, who is his rival, are worked out in a masterly manner. "Joan Crawford is cast as the beautiful heroine and Norman Kerry is a romantic figure in the strong man." A spectacular incident in this picture is Norman Kerry's terrific tug-of-war against two galloping horses. During each performance Miss Chee Toy, the clever Chinese singer, who was so well received at the Queen's Theatre a short while ago, will sing. Ordinary prices will be charged.

Wilbur Players.
Booking opens to-day for the special comedy season to be given in the Star Theatre by the Wilbur Players, who begin a farewell visit to the Colony on Tuesday, April 3rd. With the exception of "Charley's Aunt" and "The Family Upstairs," which the company are giving again by popular request, the plays will also be entirely new to Hong Kong.

The first of the plays will be "The Sap" on Tuesday, April 3rd, and again the following night. This will be followed by a detective comedy, "Handcuffed," on Thursday; "Three Live Ghosts," on Friday; an amusing farce, "Her Wedding Night," on Saturday; "Charley's Aunt," on Sunday, with song, dance and music specialties; and for a grand farewell performance, "The Family Upstairs," on Monday night. There will also be a matinee performance of "Charley's Aunt" at 3.30 on Sunday afternoon, when children will be admitted half price.

The Wilbur Players' established an excellent reputation on their previous visit to Hong Kong and they are returning from a very successful tour of India, Burma and Malaya. Admission will be at the popular prices of \$3, \$2 and \$1, and booking is at Moutral's and the Star Theatre.

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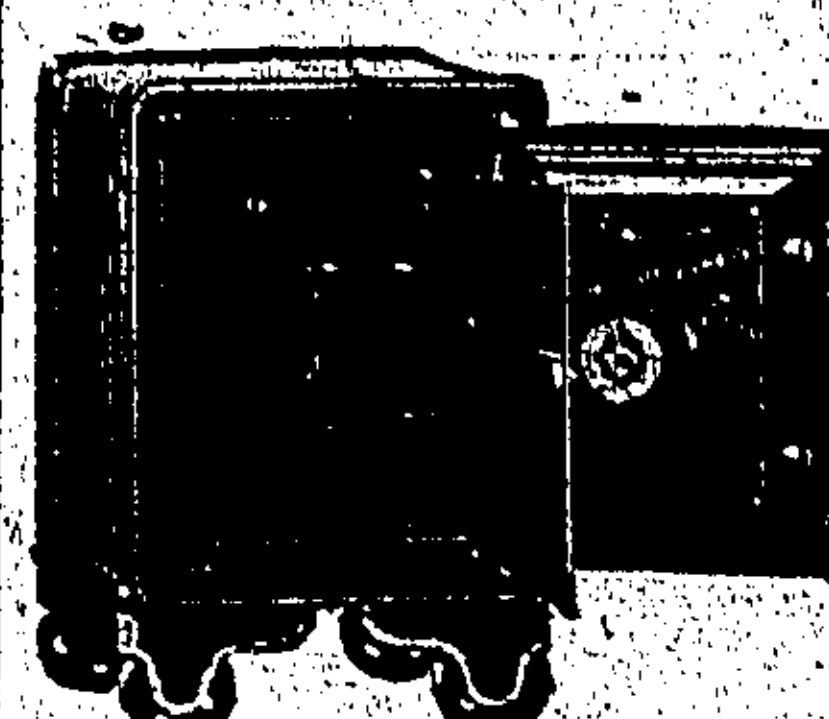
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NOTICE.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the HONG KONG REALTY AND TRUST COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Exchange Building (2nd Floor), Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, the 13th Day of APRIL, 1928, at 12 O'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1927, confirming the appointment of two Directors, and re-electing two Directors and the Auditors.

By Order of the Board,
C. F. V. RIBEIRO,
Acting Secretary.

Hong Kong, 23rd Mar., 1928. [6052]

HONG KONG REALTY AND TRUST CO., LTD.

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For the HONG KONG REALTY AND TRUST CO., LTD.

C. F. V. RIBEIRO,
Acting Secretary.

Hong Kong, 23rd Mar., 1928. [6054]

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Entries will CLOSE at 4 P.M. on THURSDAY, 29th MARCH, 1928. [6050]

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DRAFT Programmes and Entry Forms for the SEVENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on SUNDAY, 15th APRIL, 1928 (Weather Permitting), may be obtained upon application to THE INTERNATIONAL RACE AND RECREATION CLUB of MACAO, Ltd., Horse Kowloon Club, CAVERLEY RAY STABLES, and Boxes Advertising Co., 3rd Floor, Exchange Building, Hong Kong.

Entries will CLOSE on TUESDAY, 2nd APRIL, 1928, at 1 P.M. [6049]

OFFICIAL NOTICE.

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE A SHIP'S NAME.

NEILLAGE BROWN of Hong Kong HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that in consequence of our desire to conform with the Names of Similar Vessels owned by us, I have applied to the Board of Trade, under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of the Ship "KOH KHAM" of Hong Kong, Official Number 102085, of Gross Tonnage 144.19 tons, Register Tonnage 1.49 tons, hereinafter owned by CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED, 8, Bitter Square, London, E.C.3, for the Permission to Change her Name to "CHENYANG" and to have her registered in the New Name at the Port of Hong Kong as owned by CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

Any Objections to the proposed Change of Name must be sent to the Registrar of Shipping at Hong Kong within Seven Days from the appearance of this Advertisement.

Dated at Hong Kong, this 19th day of March, 1928.

(Signed) NEILLAGE BROWN. [6026]

INTIMATIONS.

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Undersecretary on MONDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1928, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1927.

The SHARE REGISTER, and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 26th MARCH, 1928, Both Days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Managers.
The Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hong Kong, 26th Mar., 1928. [5963]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 28th MARCH, 1928, at 11.30 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st October, 1927.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 22nd Day of MARCH, to THURSDAY, the 29th Day of MARCH, 1928, Both Days inclusive, during which Period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hong Kong, 18th Mar., 1928. [6015]

SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., on WEDNESDAY, the 28th Day of MARCH, 1928, at 5.30 P.M.

All those interested in the work of the Society are invited to attend.

B. O. BLAKER,
Hon. Secretary.

[6046]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LIMITED.

THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, P. & O. Building, on MONDAY, the 2nd of APRIL, 1928, at 11 A.M.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 29th of MARCH to 2nd of APRIL, Both Days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & CO.,
General Managers. [6043]

THE BANK OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Head Office, No. 6, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, 4th APRIL, 1928, at 2.30 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1927.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 29th MARCH, 1928, to the 4th APRIL, 1928 (Both Days inclusive), during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
LOOK POONG SHAN,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 19th Mar., 1928. [6029]

HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Head Office, No. 6, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 11th Day of APRIL, 1928, at 12 O'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1927, confirming the appointment of two Directors, and re-electing two Directors and the Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 4th APRIL, to the 11th APRIL, 1928, Both Days inclusive.

Dated 20th day of March, 1928.

By Order of the Board,
J. P. SHERRY,
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The Daily Press.

Hong Kong, March 26th, 1928.

COMMUNISTS TAKE TO OPEN WARFARE.

When the next General Election takes place in Great Britain the world will have the spectacle of about fifty Communist candidates seeking admission to Parliament.

Orders to this effect have been issued by the Communist International at Moscow to the British Communist Party, which is compelled to obey. We shall see for the first time in Britain, Communists standing for the House of Commons as a Party under their own colours.

Hitherto they have schemed and worked under the banner of the Labour Party. They maintained the fiction of "a united front" so that they might profit by official Labour propaganda. But Moscow deems the time has come to adopt other tactics. Open warfare is declared against the Labour Party, apparently because it is too firmly attached to constitutional methods. In other words, the British Labour Party, being British, intends to promote its ideals in accordance with British tradition and gain its end by Parliamentary action. The Communist way is to march through revolution to the dismemberment of the existing order of Society.

In England this declaration of open warfare is welcomed. It is only the Communists who have cause to complain. They find themselves in an extremely difficult position. They are revealed as the puppets of Moscow. Up till now British Communists were wise in their generation. They understood the British temper and mode of thought, and they had local knowledge of the industrial and political situation. Left to themselves, at the next General Election they would have put their chosen candidates into a few favourable constituencies, and have been able to preserve the appearance of association with the Labour Party. But since Moscow has decreed open warfare discretion has been taken from them. Their tactics were hitherto to try to win over an appreciable section of the rank and file of Labour before proceeding to destroy the leaders. But they are now compelled to fight the Labour Party as it stands.

Thus on the principle that when thieves fall out honest men come into their own every decent-minded citizen has reason to rejoice at the new policy of the Communist International. We believe that policy delivers the British Communists into the hands of the Labour Party. British Labour has tried to get rid of the revolutionaries for years past without success. Although officially banned and excluded from office they burrowed and plotted inside the Party. The Moscow policy of open warfare brings these tactics definitely to an end, and the reason for the change is not difficult to understand.

Those who are at the head of the Communist International are apparently convinced that the present position in Great Britain is widely different from the situation that existed in the years that immediately followed the war. Between 1918 and 1920 Lenin instructed Communists to support the British Labour Party and get it into power. His idea was that a Labour Government would serve the purpose in Britain that was fulfilled in Russia by the first Government after the Revolution, and that Mr. Ramsay MacDonald would be a second Kerensky. In due course the British Kerensky would be overthrown, and there might arise a Communist dictatorship, either of native origin or one transplanted from Russia. In short, the Labour Government, according to Lenin's conception, was to be merely a stalking horse, with Revolution marching somewhat disguised but not far in the rear.

But Lenin like so many other foreigners could not understand the British character. A nation accustomed to political freedom for centuries has nothing to learn from other races, and least of all from Russia. The Labour Party did not act as was expected when in office, nor is there the slightest reason to suppose that it will take a leaf out of the Soviet book. No doubt this unpleasant truth has at last begun to dawn upon the Moscow gang. The new order to British Communists has the semblance of boldness. We believe, however, it is simply bluff. The declaration of open warfare on the Labour Party,

considered as a policy, might seem at a glance a sign of strength; but actually it is a confession of weakness and failure.

From now onwards British Communists will not be attacking, but will be on the defence. As a Party they will have to fight for existence. The Labour Party is prepared to meet the challenge of Moscow, which is also to be welcomed generally in the interests of clean politics. The number of pledged Communists in Great Britain is so trifling that they would scarcely count on a poll in any constituency in the country. But the number of people who have been led astray by persistent tub-thumping, and have vaguely succumbed to the hateful gospel of "class war," is undoubtedly larger; and it will be useful if for the first time in British politics we are able to get the measure of this corrupting influence.

The name of the Yik Wing Steamship Company has been struck off the register of Companies in the Colony.

Entries for the Hong Kong Jockey Club's third extra race meeting on April 7th and 8th close at 4 p.m. on March 29th.

New Kowloon Inland Lot 2110 is to be sold at the P.W.D. Office on April 10th. It has an area of 4,080 square feet, and the upset price is \$2 per foot.

The King's Exequatur empowering Mr. Roberto Vallarino to act as Consul General for Panama in Hong Kong has received His Majesty's signature.

We regret to announce the death of Gunder Williams, of the 31st Brigade, R.A., after a brief illness. The funeral, with full military honours, took place on Saturday afternoon.

The appointment of Mr. L. H. C. Calthrop as an Asst. Supt. of Police with effect from January 7th and that of Mr. R. A. D. Forrest as chief assistant to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs with effect from March 13th have been gazetted.

A young Chinese woman in a cell in Central Police Station tried unsuccessfully to commit suicide by hanging herself by her hair. She was interrupted in the attempt by a warder, and the woman was at once removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

The management of the Tung Wah Hospital and of the Hong Kong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce have sent the Hoifang and Lukfung refugees back to their own country in four big salt junks.

The Official Receiver notifies that a first dividend of 87 per cent. has been declared in the bankruptcy of Chan Tze Cheuk, No. 134, Wellington Street. In the matter of the Oriental Navigation Co., Ltd. (in liquidation), a first and final dividend of 80.83% has been declared.

Frederick Owen Richards, described as a seaman of British nationality, was brought before Major Wilson on Saturday on a charge of absconding himself from the House of Detention. Defendant, who pleaded guilty, was described by Sub-Inspector Elston as a bad character, and he has been before the Magistrates several times before, his last conviction being a recent one on March 2nd when he was sent to prison for two weeks for a similar offence. It was impossible to arrange for his early deportation. Sentence of one month's hard labour was passed.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks issued by the Royal Observatory at 5.55 p.m. stated:—
The V-shaped depression is approaching S.W. Japan. The anticyclone over North China is developing.
Local forecast:—E. to N.E. winds, moderate, generally overcast, some rain.

ALLEGED FRAUD ON A.P.C.

SHIPPING REPRESENTATIVE CHARGED.

BAIL OF \$15,000.

Alleged to have conspired to defraud the Asiatic Petroleum Company a Chinese shipping man was charged before Mr. R. E. Lind-sell at the Central Magistracy on Saturday morning.

The facts of the case were not presented, but it is alleged that a clerk employed by the A.P.C. has absconded. There are at present two charges against Ng Kwong Ting, involving a sum of about \$2,700.

The defendant is the representative of the Hang Seng S.S. Company of Singapore, which had chartered the steamer *Sietan*. The local agents of this vessel are the Foo Man S.S. Co., Wing Lok Street, and the defendant was sent to work in co-operation with this company.

The *Sietan* was chartered to carry crude oil for the A.P.C. and it was in this connection that the alleged fraud has taken place.

At Saturday's hearing Mr. F. H. Loseby appeared for the accused and the case for the prosecution was in the hands of Mr. L. R. Andrews. A week's formal remand was granted and the defendant was allowed bail in the sum of \$15,000.

THE CHINESE Y.M.C.A.

FINANCIAL APPEAL CAMPAIGN OPEN.

More than 150 Chinese merchants and professional men attended a banquet in the gymnasium of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Bridge Street, last Saturday night, to open their campaign to raise \$30,000 and enrol 2,000 members for the Association this current year.

The banquet was presided over by the President of the Association, Mr. K. L. Chau, M.A., of the Department of Education of Hong Kong.

The Hong Kong Chinese Y.M.C.A. wish to have a branch in Kowloon, and in this project, it has the support of many Chinese on that side.

The financial campaign this year is in charge of Mr. Li Su Pak, senior secretary of the Association in point of service, who has been with the Association since its early days. Upon the conclusion of this year's financial campaign, Mr. Li will spend a year in study before resuming his work with the local Chinese Y.M.C.A.

Besides providing for a club to hundreds of young men, with its many athletic activities the Chinese Y.M.C.A. is conducting a day school for nearly 250 students.

THE YEAR'S FIRST BATHING FATALITY.

CHINESE BOY DROWNED IN POND AT SHAM SHUI PO.

Yesterday morning, tempted by the warm weather, a group of little Chinese boys thought they would indulge in a little swim, and chose a duck pond near the South China Ginger Preserving Co. at Sham Shui Po. Everything went well until one of the boys about 12 years old was found to be missing. Efforts to find him by sounding the bottom of the pond with sticks was useless, so several of the lads ran to the police station. The police soon came on the scene and recovered the body which has been sent to the Kowloon Mortuary for examination.

WEATHER REPORT.

RAIN PREDICTED.

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NANKING TO HELP KWANGTUNG SUFFERERS AT HANDS OF REDS.

REQUEST FOR \$2,000,000 REPORTED GRANTED.

HITCH IN NANKING INCIDENT NEGOTIATIONS.

MARSHAL LI REPORTS TO NANKING: REFERS
SPECIALLY TO RECENT DIPLOMATIC
SUCCESS.

ANTI-JAPANESE FRICTION DEEPENING AT AMOY: OBJECTION TO POLICE FORCE.

The vernacular Press reports that the Nanking Government have agreed to a request to help Kwangtung financially to the extent of \$2,000,000, to be used for relief works in Kwangtung for the support of those who recently suffered so severely at the hands of the Reds.

It appears that with regard to the Nanking Incident Sir Miles Lampson was unable to effect a satisfactory settlement with Mr. Huang Fu, the Nationalist Minister of Foreign Affairs, and has left Shanghai for Peking. The negotiations are continuing, Sir Sidney Barton, Consul-General at Shanghai, and Mr. Hewlett, Consul-General at Nanking, discussing the matter with Chinese representatives.

Marshal Li Hsin Tsai, in the course of his recent report to Nanking on Kwangtung affairs, referred specially to what had been achieved diplomatically between Canton and Hong Kong.

The anti-Japanese feeling at Amoy is deepening chiefly, the native newspapers report, owing to a rumour that "a large quantity of munitions" has been deposited in the local Japanese Consulate; also because of the refusal of the Japanese to disband their local police force.

NANKING INCIDENT NEGOTIATIONS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, March 25th.

It is officially reported that Sir Miles Lampson left for Peking today, no settlement in the Nanking outrages having been reached.

The negotiations will be carried on between the Chinese Authorities and Consul-General Sir Sidney Barton of Shanghai and Consul-General Hewlett of Nanking.

Unofficially, it is reported that the points upon which the negotiations between Sir Miles Lampson and the Nanking representatives broke down were the Chinese demands for an expression of regret for the shelling of Socooy Hill during the incident and for the revision of the Sino-British so-called unequal treaties, Britain considering that the question of revision should not be linked up with the settlement of the Nanking affair.

(Wah Tsai Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, March 25th.

The recently reported visit of Sir Miles Lampson to Nanking in connection with the problem of settling the Nanking incident has failed to materialise. The British Minister left Shanghai for Peking today.

It is understood that the matter is still under negotiation.

Mr. Huang Fu, the Nationalist Foreign Minister, has left Shanghai for Nanking.

GENERAL LI CHUNG JEN INTERVIEWED.

(Wah Tsai Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, March 25th.

General Li Chung Jen, when questioned whether he would assume office as Commander-in-Chief of the Fourth Army Group at Hankow, stated that he would not do so in view of the present unfavourable situation.

MARSHAL LI'S REPORT TO NANKING.

(Wah Tsai Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, March 25th.

At a meeting of the Nanking Political Council, Marshal Li Tsai Hsin reported on recent political and military affairs of Kwangtung and especially mentioned what had been achieved in diplomatic relations between Canton and Hong Kong.

NORTHERN GENERALS TO CONFER.

(Wah Tsai Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, March 25th.

Generals Chang Tsung Chang, Chi Yu Fu and Sun Chuan Chang have left Tientsin for Tientsin, the capital of Shanung, where they will hold a military conference to discuss plans in the Tientsin-Pukow Railway zone.

ANOTHER BALKAN OUTBURST.

WHAT THE WIRES ARE
"BUZZING."

SEQUEL TO GOODS TRAIN
HOLD-UP.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 25th.

Wires from Balkan capitals are buzzing accusations and denials following action of the Jugo-Slav authorities in holding up a goods train at the frontier station of Subotica, consisting of 22 sealed trucks containing explosives, alleged to be consigned from Italy for Rumania.

RUBBER.

DUTCH COMMITTEE'S LONDON
VISIT POSTPONED.

AWAITING RESULT OF
INQUIRY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

AMSTERDAM, March 25th.

It is learnt that the Dutch Rubber Committee's visit to London has been postponed by British request until April 2nd.

RUBBER INQUIRY.

SIR HERBERT HAMBLING
CHAIRMAN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 24th.

It is now generally stated, says the Morning Post, that the Chairman of the Civil Research Committee dealing with rubber restriction is Sir Herbert Hambling. (Sir Herbert Hambling is Deputy Chairman of Barclay's Bank and late General-Manager of the London, Provincial and South-Western Bank. He is also a Director of several big Companies, including Imperial Airways Ltd. and is President of the Institute of Bankers.)

A "FLIP" WITH "LINDY." CONGRESSMEN AND FAMILIES ACCEPT INVITATION.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, March 24th.

Most of the local prominent personages queued up at Bollingfield Aerodrome awaiting their turn to take a "flip" with Col. Lindbergh who recently invited all Congress men to take a trip. Up to the present he has taken up over 350 Congress men and their families of all types, parties and ages, that of the youngest being four and of the oldest 84.

JAPANESE NAVY.

NEW 10,000 TON CRUISER.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, March 24th.

The Haguro, Japan's third cruiser of ten thousand tons, has been launched at Nagasaki.

TRADE REVIVAL IN CHINA

EXPORT TRADE WITH
BRITAIN.

MORE IN TWO MONTHS THAN
LAST YEAR.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 23rd.

Capt. D. H. Hacking, Under-Secretary of State for Home Affairs, speaking at the Woolwich Chamber of Commerce to-day, said that China appeared to be waking up and, consequently, there was now more export trade being done to China than at any time since 1925.

He stated that it was probable that more business had been done in the past two months than during the whole of last year.

LUXURY TAX.

PEKING GOVERNMENT
AGREES TO CAN-
CELLATION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, March 24th.

The Cabinet this afternoon agreed to accept the offer of the Peking merchants to pay \$50,000 monthly to the Treasury on condition that the new luxury tax is cancelled.

JAPAN'S FINANCES.

BUDGET RE-ADJUSTMENT.

LOANS FLOTATION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, March 25th.

The Cabinet, after re-adjusting the Budget, necessitated by the Diet's dissolution in January, have decided to present revised estimates in the coming special session totalling Yen 1,704,000,000, including Navy Yen 281,000,000; war, Yen 231,000,000.

The figures include supplementary estimates, and the need for the flotation of loans totalling Yen 142,000,000.

NEW YORK SHARE BOOM.

SPRAIN ON BROKERS.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, March 24th.

Stock Exchange brokers, struggling in an avalanche of commissions due to the pandemonium conditions over the week, are beginning to crack under the physical strain. Clerks and book-keepers are similarly suffering from nervous exhaustion due to long hours but relief is not yet visible. The maelstrom continues to boil, shares of all kinds figuring in the mad scramble which is hourly creating new records.

EMPIRE COTTON.

HELP FOR FIVE YEARS
ASSURED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 24th.

The Federation of Master Cotton Spinners has decided to undertake for five years the imposition of a levy of three pence per bale on all raw cotton purchased by spinners and manufacturers in Lancashire, the proceeds to be devoted to the development of cotton growing within the Empire. Hitherto, the Federation has contributed a levy of sixpence per bale.

ANOTHER BIG MERGER.

VICTOR TALKING CO. AND
RADIO CORPORATION.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, March 24th.

Another gigantic merger is stated to be on the verge of completion. The Radio Corporation is preparing to unite with the Victor Talking Machine Company with a combined capital of \$250,000,000.

WALSH ISLAND.

EMPLOYEES RETURN ON OLD
CONDITIONS.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

Newcastle, New South
Wales, March 24th.

The employees of Walsh Island Dockyard have agreed to return to work on the 28th inst. on the pre-stoppage conditions.

SOVIET'S NEW PLAN.

PARTIAL DISARMAMENT
PROPOSALS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GENEVA, March 24th.

Notwithstanding the Chairman's ruling yesterday the Soviet delegation later issued a new partial and progressive disarmament scheme under which armies and naval armaments are reduced by graduated percentages based on their present strengths.

GOVERNORSHIP OF NORTHERN IRELAND.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 25th.

The Duke of Abercorn has been reappointed Governor of Northern Ireland for a further six years.

THE "ROYAL OAK" INCIDENT.

MANILA PAPER'S ACCOUNT
OF ITS ORIGIN.

According to a report published in the Manila Times the "incident" aboard the Royal Oak, which has caused so deep a sensation in naval circles and among the general public, started over a trivial matter.

The question arose, says the report, as to whether the Royal Oak should or should not have a jazz band. During the course of an argument on the subject the admiral is alleged to have struck the bandmaster whereupon the crew declined to take the vessel to sea. Subsequently the tension lessened and the vessel proceeded out of harbour for manoeuvres with the rest of the Fleet.

A court martial is to be held at Gibraltar which will, according to the Manila Times, be open to the public. Pending the trial the Admiralty have refused to gratify public curiosity with regard to the facts of the incident.

LLOYDS NEW PRINCELY HOME.

FORMALLY OPENED BY H.M.
THE KING.

LINK WITH THE PAST.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 25th.

His Majesty, who laid the foundation stone in 1925, to-day, accompanied by H.M. the Queen, inaugurated Lloyd's third home since its start at Lloyd's coffee-house in 1688.

The new building was designed by Sir Edwin Cooper at a cost of \$2,000,000 and stands on the site of the former East India Company in Leadenhall Street.

SEQUEL TO A SHIPPING ACCIDENT.

BOARD OF TRADE'S DECISION
OVER-ROULED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 23rd.

The contention hitherto maintained that a Board of Trade ship's captain is not entitled to appeal to the Law Courts against a decision of a Board of Trade enquiry into a shipping disaster has been over-ruled by the Admiralty Court.

The case concerned an accident near Singapore last year, and showed that a Wreck Inquiries Court in the Straits Settlements in January last year, found that the appellant, Captain John McLeod was guilty of negligence in the grounding of his ship, the *Es. Royal Star*, in the Singapore Straits.

His certificate was not suspended.

Censure To Be Set Aside.

The President of the Inquiry Court said he was nearly placed in the position of a person found guilty of a criminal charge but not subject to a sentence.

The President of the Admiralty Court, after hearing counsel's arguments on the facts, held that the findings of negligence failed and allowed Captain McLeod's appeal, ordering the censure to be set aside.

The Accident.

The British freighter *Royal Star* arrived in the Singapore roads on January 13th, 1927, down by the head and with a heavy list to starboard, having struck a reef in the outer strait and hour previously.

The *Royal Star*, which is owned by the Blue Star Line, and is of 4,890 tons net, was passing through from Shanghai to London when she struck a shoal patch to the North of the Beranti Beacon between St. John's and the Dutch Islands at about nine o'clock in the morning, and immediately put into Singapore for assistance.

Board's Findings.

That Captain J. McLeod, master of the *Royal Star*, was guilty of negligence resulting in his vessel being damaged on a submerged reef in the Singapore Strait on the morning of January 13th, 1927, was the finding of the Marine Court of Enquiry which held an investigation into the casualty.

The Court was of the opinion that the casualty was caused by the negligence of the Master (1) in omitting to certify that his charts were up to date, (2) neglecting to read the instructions contained in the Malacca Strait Pilot and (3) in neglecting to have any bearings taken between 9.14 a.m. and 9.05 a.m.

The Court did not think it necessary to deal with the master's certificate but severely censured him for the act of negligence stated above. The third officer was found to be in no way to blame. The Court directed that the costs of the inquiry be paid by the Attorney General.

As to the position of the casualty the Court decided that there was no doubt that the *Royal Star* struck a submerged rock, but owing to the vagueness of the evidence with regard to position, it was impossible to say whether the obstruction in question was the 13 foot rock shown in the latest Admiralty chart, North of Batu Beranti, or an uncharted rock further to the North.

LUNATIC WITH A REVOLVER.

VIOLENT STRUGGLE WITH
POLICE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

BATH, February 23rd.

An exciting scene occurred in Ayon Street, Bath, late last night, when a man, brandishing a revolver and loudly proclaiming himself a "secret service agent," cleared a public house of customers.

Police hurried to the place, and afterwards discovered the man in Midland Bridge-road half stripped. He was taken into custody after a violent struggle.

The man, Charles Crowley, of St. James-place, Bath, was accused at the Police Court this morning of being drunk and disorderly and possessing a revolver without a certificate. It was stated that he was a lunatic on parole from "Wells Asylum."

The Bench imposed a nominal fine, confiscated the revolver, and remanded Crowley until he returns to the asylum.

AN ATLANTIC AIR ROUTE.

PLANS IN HAND: \$40,000,000
TO BE ADVANCED.

"FLOATING ISLANDS."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

HAVRE, March 25th.

The air man, Rene Fonck, has arrived from America. He says that the plans for an Atlantic Commercial Air Route, which he is helping to organise, will be based on the principle of floating islands, the first of which will be 200 miles east of New York and others at distances of 225 miles from each other. American financiers are ready to advance \$40,000,000.

COMMUNISTS' APPEAL AFTER UNDERTAKING NOT TO.

Dick Beech, Harry Pollitt (the Communist leader), and Thomas Robert Strudwick appealed against conviction at the Central Criminal Court for criminal libel. All three appellants were bound over and ordered to pay towards the costs of the prosecution.

The allegation against them was that they libelled a seaman named David Scott in a newspaper, the *International Seafarer*.

Before Sergeant Sullivan, K.C., began to argue the appeal Lord Hewart said he noticed that, before sentence was passed by the Recorder (Sir Ernest Wild, K.C.), the appellants definitely gave the assurance that there would be no appeal against conviction.

Sergeant Sullivan: That is so, but after he passed sentence the Recorder completely reopened the matter. He said: "You will understand that I am not precluding you from appealing, because you have the right to appeal."

Lord Hewart: But when the appellants were asked whether they had anything to say in mitigation of sentence, and for the purpose of securing that mitigation, they made it clear that whatever sentence was passed there would be no appeal.

Sergeant Sullivan: And they would not have appealed but for the invitation of the Recorder. Lord Hewart (sternly): Are they appealing against the sentence?

Sergeant Sullivan: They are not appealing against sentence.

Lord Hewart: I have never known a case in which there was an assurance not to appeal, in which, after sentence was passed, that assurance was ignored. They received the most lenient sentence that could be passed after their assurance not to appeal.

Mr. Justice Ivory: When counsel says there will be no appeal he is taken to mean that there is no ground for appeal.

Mr. Pollitt said that he was responsible for telling counsel to inform the Recorder that there would be no appeal. He accepted the remarks of the Recorder as an invitation to appeal.

The hearing was adjourned.

A FIREMAN "V.C." MAN WHO WAS BURIED IN GLASS.

Superintendent Thomas Mathew Crowe, who is retiring from the London Fire Brigade after nearly 31 years' service, has several times been buried in blazing buildings, and 28 years ago was declared unfit for service.

Mr. Crowe, who is 52, has won a reputation as the darest of the London fire fighters, and has received all the awards obtainable for his courage. He is one of the few holders of the silver medal for gallantry, the "Firemen's V.C.," and has also been given the O.B.E. Mr. Crowe, who has been compelled under the service rules of the fire brigade to retire, said to a reporter:

When I joined the brigade there were only 300 men for the whole of London, and we were on duty throughout the 24 hours. Fire-fighting was still done with manual pumps drawn by horses, while the hose and other tackle had to be hauled by hand.

My worse experience was in a fire at a glass bottle factory in Tooley-street, S.E., 28 years ago, when I was buried under 20 tons of glass. My colleagues had cleared away the broken glass down to my waist when there was a second crash. They got clear, but I was again buried.

Eventually I was got out, but my body was penetrated with fragments of glass. A blazing beam had buried away my clothing and the flesh of my back.

When I came out of hospital the medical officer declared that I was totally unfit for further service. I found he was going away for a holiday, and went to his deputy and declared myself fit for duty. Since then I have been too scared to go near our medical officers and have never had a day off for sick leave.

The Fire-Brigade Committee of the London County Council recommend that Mr. Crowe shall receive a pension of £418 a year, and add that he has served the brigade with zeal and fidelity.

GENEVA AND DISARMAMENT.

COMMISSION CONCLUDES
SESSION.

GERMAN AND RUSSIAN
'DELEGATES' DIS-
SATISFIED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GENEVA, March 25th.

The Disarmament Commission has concluded its session, after embittered speeches by Count Bernstorff (Germany) and M. Litvinoff, who declared that nothing had been done to advance disarmament.

The Commission adopted resolution that the first Soviet Disarmament Convention was unacceptable, and that their second would be considered next session, which would be convoked only when the difficulties between the nations regarding the proposed League Convention had been overcome.

Bernstorff urged the Commission to fix a date for the meeting of the Disarmament Conference, but Mr. Sato (Japan) expressed the opinion that this would be stepping over the mandate they had received from the League Assembly. He agreed with Britain and America that the proper course would be to adjourn the second reading of the Draft Convention until next session, which should be convened at the earliest possible time.

Britain's Proposals.

Lord Cushendun has sent a Note to the representatives of the signatories to the Washington Treaty detailing British Naval Limitation Proposals; namely, firstly, that any battleships to be built shall be under 30,000 tons; secondly, to reduce guns from the present 16-inch to 13.5-inch, extend the life of existing capital ships from 20 to 28 years, this involving a waiver to the Powers of full rights under the replacement tables agreed at Washington.

The Note adds that it would be advantageous if an agreement could be reached before the commencement of the capital ship replacement programme provided by the Washington Treaty.

Favourable London Comment.

London, March 25th. Lord Cushendun's proposals are regarded by London commentators as the most important and most promising phase of the disarmament parleys. The proposals resemble those submitted at the Naval Conference at Geneva where they did not encounter real opposition. They are now extended to France and Italy. It is predicted that agreement should be easily reached as regards battleships and incidentally pave the way for the negotiation of a three-power discussion on cruisers. [Earlier telegrams on page 2.]

PULLING THE HOME SECRETARY'S LEG.

CHAMPAGNE SALE AT A
BALL.

The selling by auction of a bottle of champagne at a ball at which Sir William Joynton-Hicks, the Home Secretary, was present, is to be the subject of a question in the House of Commons, says a London paper to hand.

The ball—Ye Olde North Country Cabaret Ball—to raise funds for anti-Socialist propaganda, was organised by the Marchioness of Londonderry and was held at the Kit-Cat Restaurant, Haymarket, S.W., on Thursday night. Sir Archibald Weigall was the auctioneer.

Mr. Tom Groves, M.P. (Sec. Stratford), intends to put the question in the House of Commons, the text of which is:

Whether the Home Secretary is aware of the widespread concern at his reported action in attending a cabaret and witnessing the exhibition for sale of a bottle of champagne?

The Home Secretary authorised the following statement:

Sir William Joynton-Hicks did attend a charity ball at the Kit-Cat and was present when an auction took place. As he understands a question is to be asked in the House of Commons he prefers to make no further statement.

"I don't take the incident seriously," said Mr. Tom Groves, who added:

I look upon the Home Secretary as a man of high moral character and can hardly imagine him as a law-breaker. I don't think this is a case for great publicity, but I shall invite the Home Secretary to explain the matter in the House of Commons. An official of the Kit-Cat Restaurant stated that the bottle was sold at 100 guineas. It was "consumed on the premises" as well within the "permitted hours." In fact, it was given to the band, who had it with their supper.

THE WEEK-END SPORT.

Cricket, Local and Home Football, Golf, Baseball, Yachting, University Athletic Sports, etc.

SATURDAY'S CRICKET RESULTS.

ONLY ONE LEAGUE MATCH.

KOWLOON C.C. DEFEAT THE HONG KONG C.C.

TAKOO, EWO, WAYFOONG, v. C.R.C. MATCH.

Although there was only one Second Division League match played on Saturday, cricket was not dull. There were four friendly matches played, with very interesting results. The Kowloon Cricket Club defeated their old time rivals in a friendly game at Kowloon, while the combined teams of Ewo, Takoo, and Wayfoong were the guests of the Chinese R.C. A handsome silver cup was presented to the Chinese R.C. by Mr. Brown, of B. & S., on behalf of the former teams in appreciation of the Club's generosity in placing the ground at their disposal for the Inter-Hong matches.

After an absence of some five weeks the Indian R.C. "B" team re-appeared on the cricket field only to be heavily beaten by the R.A.S.C. By defeating the Police R.C. in the only League game of the week, the Kowloon C.C. 2nd XI, still retain their position as runner-up for the Second Division.

CHINESE R.C. v. TAKOO, EWO AND WAYFOONG.

Playing on their own ground the Chinese R.C. defeated a combined team from the Takoo, Ewo and Wayfoong Clubs.

The Chinese R.C. batting first scored consistently for the first four wickets and declared at the fall of the seventh wicket for 153 runs.

Their opponents were dismissed for 100 runs. Ching took three wickets for twenty-four runs, while H. W. Parker made highest score with 40 runs.

During the tea interval, Mr. Brown, of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, presented to the Chinese Recreation Club a silver cup in appreciation of the latter's loan of their ground to the Hong Kong Bank, Messrs. Butterfield & Swire and Messrs. Jardine, Matheson for their inter-hong fixtures.

The scores were—

Chinese R.C.				
W. C. Hung, b Parker	22			
Tsui Wai Pui, run out	51			
H. C. Hung, c and b Parker	40			
C. Choe, c and b Parker	12			
Ng Sze Kwong, b Parker	0			
L. Youngs, lb.w., b Cornaby	2			
H. Ching, not out	0			
K. L. Chau, b Parker	0			
Cheung, Wing Kue, not out	1			
Extras	16			
Total (for 7 wks., dec.)	153			

C. Wong, and Yeoh Tak Kee did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.				
O.	M.	R.	W.	
Parker	14	5	43	5
Cornaby	11	2	43	0
Vallack	5	0	29	0
Hall	3	0	20	0

Bowling Analysis.				
O.	M.	R.	W.	
Takoo, Ewo, Wayfoong.				
Kwong, c Tsui, b Ng Sze	5			
R. A. Green, c Tsui, b Ng Sze	2			
H. V. Parker, b Ching	20			
W. Fiddes-Wilson, b Ching	0			
J. Crawford, b H. C. Hung	8			
J. Hall, b Ching	25			
A. H. Gillingham, run out	0			
W. Brackenridge, b W. C. Hung	0			
W. B. Cornaby, not out	1			
E. P. Streatfield, b W. C. Hung	1			
G. R. Vallack, c Tsui, b H. C. Hung	7			
Extras	10			
Total	103			

H.K.C.C. v. K.C.C.

Bowling Analysis.				
O.	M.	R.	W.	
W. C. Hung	0	3	22	2
Ng Sze Kwong	5	1	16	2
Ching	8	2	24	3
H. C. Hung	7	0	28	1

The Kowloon Cricket Club defeated their old rivals in a friendly game, the Hong Kong C.C. by nine wickets.

Batting first the Hong Kong C.C. made a very poor start, three wickets falling for only 14 runs. They were dismissed for 132 runs. Lyl taking five wickets for 43 runs. T. E. Pearce and E. R. Duckitt saved the side from really bad collapse. The Kowloon C.C. had

little difficulty in passing their opponents total and at the fall of the fourth wicket they had 150 runs on the board. Bruce was again in form and made top score with 71 runs. Owen Hughes took three wickets for 57 runs.

The scores were—

Hong Kong C.C.				
A. W. Hayward, c Reynolds, b Goodwin	1			
Capt. N. Thorp, c Brace, b Lyl	0			
H. Owen Hughes, c Buxton, b Lyl	13			
Lieut. A. H. Musson, b Goodwin	0			
T. E. Pearce, b Lyl	46			
E. J. R. Mitchell, c Reynolds, b Brace	3			
E. R. Duckitt, b Goodwin	22			
W. H. N. Murdoch, c E. C. Fincher, b Lyl	15			
R. Hancock, b Lyl	0			
M. M. Maas, b Goodwin	20			
J. C. Dunbar, not out	0			
Extras	12			
Total	132			

Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Lyl	13	3	43
Goodwin	12	5	30
Brace	6	2	13
Reynolds	2	0	17
Ross	4	0	18

Kowloon C.C.

W. Bruce, c Hayward, b Owen Hughes	71
A. W. Ramsay, b Owen Hughes	47
E. C. Fincher, c Murdoch, b Owen Hughes	12
E. F. Fincher, not out	38
F. Lawrence, not out	2
Capt. J. Reynolds, not out	9
Extras	20
Total (for 4 wickets)	199

Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Thorp	14	2	51
Musson	9	0	34
Owen Hughes	11	1	57
Duckitt	3	1	7

NAVY 2nd XI. v. C.S.C.C. 2nd.

At King's Park, the Royal Navy 2nd XI, drew with the Civil Service 2nd XI. The Navy batted first and declared at the eighth wicket for 156 runs. P.O. Orchard just failing to reach the half century mark with 49 runs. For the C.S.C.C., Dewitt took five wickets for 56 runs.

The C.S.C.C. made a rather weak reply scoring only 67 runs for five wickets. Three men were dismissed for "nil". Hill, for the Navy, took three wickets for 10 runs.

The scores were—

Royal Navy: 156 runs for 8 wickets.				
O.	M.	R.	W.	
Thorp	14	2	51	0
Musson	9	0	34	0
Owen Hughes	11	1	57	3
Duckitt	3	1	7	0

Civil Service C.C.: 67 runs for 5 wickets.

Bowling Analysis.				
O.	M.	R.	W.	
Thorp	14	2	51	0
Musson	9	0	34	0
Owen Hughes	11	1	57	3
Duckitt	3	1	7	0

R.A.S.C. v. INDIAN R.C. "B"

Appearing on the field after some five weeks' absence the Indian R.C. "B" team went down heavily on their own ground against the Royal Army Service Corps.

Batting first the visitors put up a useful score, declaring at the fourth wicket for 235 runs. Capt. J. E. Drysdale batted brilliantly for 88 not out, and S/Sgt. Wood contributed 72 runs not out.

The Indian R.C. team were dismissed for a small total of 85 runs. The bowling analysis for the Navy were very good. Newberry taking four wickets for 18 runs, and Glenn taking three wickets for 21 runs.

The scores were—

R.A.S.C.: 235 runs for 4 wickets.				
O.	M.	R.	W.	
Thorp	14	2	51	0
Musson	9	0	34	0
Owen Hughes	11	1	57	3
Duckitt	3	1	7	0

Indian R.C. "B" 85 runs.

Bowling Analysis.				
O.	M.	R.	W.	
Thorp	14	2	51	0
Musson	9	0	34	0
Owen Hughes	11	1	57	3
Duckitt	3	1	7	0

K.C.C. 2nd XI. v. POLICE R.C.

Crossing over to Happy Valley the Kowloon C.C. 2nd XI defeated the Police R.C. team by 98 runs. In addition to adding three more points to their league table score, the K.C.C. 2nd team retain their position as runner-up in the League.

Batting first the Kowloon C.C. team declared for 172 runs at the seventh wicket, B. Petheram, making highest score of 46 runs.

Playing with three men short the Police R.C. could only reply with 70 runs. Alexander gave the Police a very good start with 43 runs not out, but three players were dismissed for "nil" and no one else stayed for

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YACHTING.

CORINTHIAN RACE RUN ON SATURDAY.

SOME KEEN RACING.

The Corinthian Race of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club was run on Saturday over a course of 34 miles from the Club to Chuenoi Rocks (P.), Cust Rock buoy (P.), mark on Club line (P.), Cust Rock buoy (starboard), finish at the Club.

Fifteen boats took part in the race. The racing was very interesting and there were some close finishes. Only one yacht, the Diana, failed to complete the course.

The results in the various classes were as under, in order of finishing, with figures in parentheses indicating position on corrected time—

Handicap Class.			
Boat	Time	Corrected Time	
Kolla (1st)	3:18.29	3:18.29	
Collins (2nd)	3:23.31	3:20.58	
Diana		D.N.F.	
One Design And Gais.			
Daphne (3rd)	3:30.40	3:30.40	
Aila (4th)	3:31.29	3:31.29	
Pierrette (2nd)	3:31.54	3:29.42	
Halcyon (5th)	3:32.15	3:32.15	
Thecla (1st)	3:34.35	3:28.01	
Joan (6th)	3:38.18	3:34.19	
Gael (7th)	3:42.13	3:38.17	
Heavyweight Class.			
Adelle (1st)	3:34.55	3:34.55	
Wings (2nd)	3:36.09	3:36.09	
Boogum (3rd)	3:36.28	3:36.28	
Why Wonder?	3:38.18	3:38.18	
Lola (4th)	3:41.40	3:38.10	

HOCKEY.

H.K.H.C. v. ROYAL NAVY.

The following will represent the Club 2nd XI v. Royal Navy on the R.N.O.S.C. to-morrow at 5 p.m.: F. S. Nicholls, R. R. Todd, L. F. Nicholson, L. A. R. Duncan (Capt.), J. P. Murray, N. Evans, L. P. Thomas, A. C. Howell, Capt. E. Jacobs-Larkom, B. W. Sampson, T. P. Saunderson.

Long Lee took three wickets for 13 runs.

Scores:—

Kowloon C.C. 2nd XI.				
R. E. Lindsell, b Alexander	20			
C. T. Evans, c sub, b Alexander	1			
G. A. Lee, c sub, b Alexander	2			
G. A. V. Hill, c Thorpe, b Baker	13			
B. Petheram, c Alexander, b Williams	46			
A. R. E. Haven, c sub, b Williams	23			
A. A. Dand, not out	33			
E. B. Morton, c Williams, b Alexander	25			
Extras	0			
Total (for 7 wks., dec.)	172			

Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Alexander	11	0	64
Baker	9	0	40
Wagland	6	0	27
Williams	4	0	17
Meadows	3	0	15

Police R.C.

C. F. Alexander, not out	43
B. Thorpe, b Lee	9
W. W. Williamson, c Petheram, b Haven	1
E. G. Baker, lb.w., b Haven	5
W. E. Meadows, c Hall, b Lee	13
Wagland, b Lee	0
Smith, run out	0
Edwards, b Overy	0
Extras	8
Total	79

Three men absent.

Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Lee	10	0	53
Overy	6	5	35
Haven	5	0	23

LEAGUE TABLES.

The positions in the League to date are as under—

Division I.				
Club	P.	W.	D.	L.
University	6	7	0	1
Kowloon C.C.	7	5	2	0
Craigengower	6	3	3	1
Royal Navy	7	3	2	1
Indian R.C. "A"	7	2	3	2
Civil Service	6	1	4	3
Chinese R.C.	7	1	2	4
Royal Artillery	7	1	1	5
Indian R.C. "B"	5	0	1	4

Division II.

University 2nd	0	9	0	0
K.C.C. 2nd	0	7	1	1
Club de Recreo	0	6	0	3
R.A.O.C.	0	5	0	3
Royal Navy 2nd	0	4	1	4
Police R.C.	0	3	0	6
Electric R.C.	0	2	1	5
Royal Engineers	7	2	0	6
Civil Service	3	2	0	6
Tamar	8	0	1	7

BASEBALL.

U.S.S. "PITTSBURG" WIN TWO GAMES.

EXCELLENT FIELDING AND MANY HOME RUNS.

The baseball nine from the U.S.S. Pittsburgh played two games here over the week-end, and severely defeated the local Japanese and Chinese teams.

The visitors are in many ways better than the local teams. Their fielding and battery were excellent, while their batting prowess was marvellous.

Pittsburg v. S.C.A.A. On Sunday the American sailors met and defeated the South China Athletic Association to the tune of 16 runs to one.

The game was all one-sided, the Americans being the superior team by a long chalk. They successfully held the Chinese at bay up to the six innings. In the seventh, the Chinese, however, fluked a home run.

For the Americans Langley batted first. Lee, who was on the mound, delivered three good ones which disposed of Langley without him reaching first. Nealon took up the Club and batted out to centre. He got first. Shaw fled and Harre got to the first base on error. Venable fled to right field and Shim brought off a most spectacular catch.

The Chinese were struck out in succession on their first entry into the batting plate. The American pitching and fielding were excellent. The team paced up four runs. The players reaching home were Jarles, Worthington, Langley and Nealon.

The Chinese tried their utmost to score in the second, but the excellent fielding and pitching of the Americans prevented them from getting from passing the first base. The sailors added another seven runs in the third, two in the fourth and three more in the fifth. The last two cantos were a blank to them.

The Chinese fielding was very poor, many a good fly ball were muffed. Errors were plentiful. Their batting left much to be desired, while the Lee brothers, forming the battery, were not up to their usual form. In the last inning, the Chinese, through K. Chinn, made the only run. It was a fluke which enabled him to run over the three bases.

THE TEAMS.

The two teams lined up as follows:—	
Pittsburg.	South China.
Teeter	p. S. L. Lee
Venable	c. S. S. Lee
James	1b. D. Chinn
Harre	2b. T. Chinn
Griffith	c.f. C. Wong
Nealon	a.s. June
Worthington	3b. K. Chinn
Langley	1f. Chinn
Shaw	r.f. Shim.

SCORE BY INNINGS.

Pittsburg	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Total
	0 4 2 3 0 0 18
South China	0 0 0 0 0 0 1

Batteries:—South China: S. L. Lee (p.), S. S. Lee (c.); Pittsburg: Teeter (p.), Venable (c.).

SATURDAY'S GAME.

On Saturday the U.S.S. Pittsburgh accounted for the Japanese nine by 12 runs to nil, of these, four were homers. The Japanese fielded a very poor team. S. Hachiuma, the Japanese crack pitcher was sadly out of form, and the good field work of the Japanese which had been the attraction of last season's matches, was conspicuous by its absence.

THE TWO TEAMS.

The two teams lined up as follows:—

U.S.S. Pittsburgh.	
Langley	c.f. Kusano
Nealon	2b. Koyama
Shaw	r.f. Miki
Harre	1b. Morata
Venable	c. Y. Hachiuma
Van Ingen	a.s. Yoshikawa
Griffith	1f. Tsukaguchi
Worthington	3b. Koga
Santon	p. S. Hachiuma

Substitutes:—James and Nicholson (U.S.S. Pittsburgh); Taketomi (Japanese).

Umpires:—Burre

HOME FOOTBALL RESULTS.

HUDDERSFIELD AND SHEFFIELD DRAW IN CUP SEMI-FINAL.

ARSENAL FALL TO BLACKBURN.

CELTIC AND RANGERS IN SCOTTISH CUP FINAL.

An unexpected result in the semi-finals of the English Cup matches on Saturday was the draw, at two goals each, between Huddersfield and Sheffield United. On their League form Huddersfield were expected to win, but the opposition gave them a great game and both teams live to fight again another day. Blackburn Rovers eliminated the London team, Arsenal, by the only goal, scored for them by J. Roscamp, and are now in the final.

In the Scottish Cup semi-finals, Celtic (holders) defeated Queen's Park by the odd goal in three, and the opponents in the final are the Rangers, who had a comfortable victory over the Hibernians.

In Division I. of the English League, Cardiff were badly beaten by West Ham. Everton, second on the table, were forced to a draw by Derby, a team far down the table. The most important match in the Second Division was that between Chelsea and Manchester City, won by the latter by the only goal scored. The same teams still lead in all Divisions.

Motherwell, who won in mid-week, shared two goals with Bo'ness in a Scottish League match and are now at the top of the table.

Full results of Saturday's matches and revised League tables are given below:

ENGLISH CUP.

Semi-Finals.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]
London, March 24th.
Huddersfield 2, Sheffield U. 2.
At Old Trafford, Manchester.
Blackburn R. 1, Arsenal 0. At
Leicester City ground.

The Scores.

H. Johnson scored the two goals for Sheffield United. A. Jackson and G. Brown for Huddersfield. J. Roscamp scored for Blackburn.

SCOTTISH CUP.

Semi-Finals.

Rangers 3, Hibernians 0. At
Tynecastle Park, Edinburgh.
Celtic 2, Queen's Park 1. At
Ibrox Park, Glasgow.

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Birmingham 4, Burnley 0.
Bolton 3, Leicester 3.
Cardiff 1, West Ham 3.
Everton 2, Derby 2.
Newcastle 2, Bury 3.
Wednesday 4, Liverpool 1.
Tottenham 2, Aston Villa 1.

Division II.

Blackpool 3, Notts. Forest 3.
Bristol City 2, Swansea 2.
Chelsea 0, Manchester C. 1.
Clapton 0, Hull 0.
Grimsby 4, Sth. Shields 1.
Notts. County 1, Wolves 2.
Oldham 4, Port Vale 1.
Reading 6, Leeds 1.
Southampton 6, Barnsley 1.
Stoke 5, Fulham 1.
West Brom. 2, Preston 4.

Division III. (Southern).

Brantford 2, Gillingham 0.
Bournemouth 3, Walsall 1.
Brighton 6, Merthyr 0.
Crystal Pal. 1, Swindon 0.
Exeter 4, Queen's P.R. 0.
Luton 3, Coventry 1.
Millwall 5, Newport 1.
Northants 2, Bristol R. 0.
Norwich 0, Charlton 0.
Southend 3, Plymouth 0.
Torquay 1, Watford 1.

Division III. (Northern).

Barrow 6, Halifax 3.
Bradford 6, Darlington 3.
Chesterfield 1, Doncaster 0.
Durham 2, Accrington 1.
Nelson 0, Bradford C. 3.
Rochdale 0, New Brighton 0.
Rotherham 2, Lincoln 4.
Southport 0, Hartlepool 2.
Stockport 1, Crewe 0.
Tranmere 5, Ashington 3.
Wrexham 5, Wigan 1.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Aberdeen 2, Hearts 0.
Airdrie 2, St. Mirren 3.
Bo'ness 1, Motherwell 1.
Clyde 1, Kilmarnock 1.
Hamilton 3, Dundee 2.
Raith R. 5, Dunfermline 1.
St. Johnstone 1, Partick 2.

LEAGUE TABLES.

The English League Tables and Scottish League Table (Division I.), up to and including matches completed on Saturday, are appended:

Division I.

F. W. D. L. P. A. Pts.
Huddersfield 32 18 8 5 63 33
Everton 34 14 11 9 78 54 29
Leicester 34 16 8 11 59 58 38
Cardiff 34 16 8 11 59 58 38
Bolton 34 14 9 11 68 53 37
Blackburn 38 13 9 11 66 57 30
Newcastle 33 12 10 11 66 53 34
West Ham 34 13 8 13 70 74 24
Tottenham 34 14 8 14 65 58 34
Bury 35 10 9 17 63 70 34

Birmingham	34	10	13	11	59	63	33
Burnley	35	14	8	13	63	79	33
Sunderland	31	12	8	11	63	39	32
Arsenal	31	12	8	11	63	70	32
Derby	33	11	9	13	71	70	31
Aston Villa	33	12	7	14	64	31	
Portsmouth	32	12	7	14	64	31	
Liverpool	34	11	13	69	71	31	
Middlesbrough	34	10	11	13	69	71	31
Manchester U.	32	11	7	14	49	58	29
Sheffield U.	32	11	7	14	49	58	29
Wednesday	32	7	10	16	60	67	34

DIVISION II.

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.							
Chelsea	34	20	7	7	63	32	47
Preston	34	19	8	7	78	47	48
Leeds U.	34	20	6	8	18	51	46
March City	32	20	6	6	70	46	46
Stoke	34	17	7	10	64	50	41
Oldham	33	17	6	10	64	50	41
West Brom.	34	14	9	11	70	61	37
Bristol C.	34	14	7	13	68	68	33
Notts For	32	14	6	12	71	63	34
Port Vale	33	15	4	14	68	51	34
Swansea	33	13	8	19	62	68	34
Grimsby	35	12	10	13	63	67	34
Hull City	32	9	12	11	35	41	30
Reading	33	10	9	14	46	61	29
Clapton	33	10	8	15	46	67	28
Barnsley	34	10	8	15	45	78	28
Wolves	33	10	7	16	63	80	27
Southend	34	10	7	17	58	82	27
Notts C.	34	9	8	16	54	83	27
Blackpool	34	7	17	17	58	82	27
Fulham	33	10	5	18	69	73	25
S. Shields	34	5	6	23	43	97	18

DIVISION III. (SOUTH).

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.							
Millwall	33	22	5	6	103	48	49
Northants	32	19	6	7	83	50	44
Plymouth	33	17	5	11	69	48	39
Exeter	33	13	9	9	57	43	39
Brighton	33	15	9	9	69	55	39
Newport	33	15	7	11	66	59	37
Crystal Pal.	33	14	9	10	60	59	37
Swindon	30	14	8	8	68	52	36
Q.P.R.	33	15	6	12	54	43	36
Southend	32	15	4	13	58	54	34
Brentford	34	14	6	13	60	61	33
Bournemouth	33	12	8	13	63	64	32
Charlton	33	10	11	10	45	54	31
Gillingham	31	11	8	12	48	53	30
Norwich	32	8	10	14	53	58	28
Watford	32	10	6	16	62	63	28
Luton	32	10	7	17	71	73	25
Bristol R.	32	11	3	18	56	73	25
Merthyr	34	8	9	17	46	78	23
Coventry	32	9	6	17	54	74	24
Walsall	34	8	6	19	53	83	24
Torquay	33	6	11	16	40	82	23

DIVISION III. (NORTH).

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.							
Bradford	34	22	9	2	92	35	55
Doncaster	33	19	5	9	68	35	43
Stockport	32	18	6	8	63	39	42
Tranmere	32	17	7	8	81	53	41
Lincoln	34	18	5	11	72	61	41
Bradford C.	34	18	9	6	75	51	40
Darlington	32	17	4	11	70	50	38
Southport	34	17	4	13	67	54	38
Wrexham	34	18	8	13	55	52	37
Accrington	34	14	8	12	64	56	36
Halifax	33	11	11	11	61	50	33
Rochdale	32	15	9	13	61	61	32
N.Brighton	32	11	9	12	51	45	31
Hartlepool	34	13	5	16	60	70	31
Rotherham	34	11	6	15	57	58	30
Chesterfield	34	11	8	15	58	60	30
Crewe	34	9	8	17	62	78	28
Ashington	34	8	7	19	56	92	23
Durham	34	9	5	20	43	81	23
Barrow	34	8	7	19	45	93	23
Nelson	33	9	4	20	59	102	22
Wigan	34	7	7	20	42	82	21

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.							
Motherwell	34	11	8	5	65	40	50
Rangers	30	20	6	4	83	32	48
Celtic	33	19	8	4	77	28	48
Hearts	34	18	5	10	65	46	43
St. Mirren	34	18	6	10	71	60	42
Aberdeen	34	17	5	12	63	54	39
Partick	33	10	5	12	73	58	37
Falkirk	33	16	4	13	72	58	38
Kilmarnock	34	13	10	11	59	69	38
St. John	34	13	8	13	64	56	34
Cowden	32	12	7	12	57	59	33
Heath	32	12	7	12	57	59	33
Hibernians	34	11	5	18	62	78	32
Airdrie	33	9	10	14	50	84	29
Clyde	34	16	8	10	63	47	38
Queen's P.	33	10	8	17	60	71	28
Hamilton	34	10	5	19	62	78	25
Bo'ness	33	9	8	18	41	74	24
Raith R.	32	7	5	20	50	87	19
D. n. f. m.	33	3	3	27	37	111	9

GOLF.

THE 'VARSITIES' AT FANLING.

A LIGHT BLUE VICTORY.

[By R.H.H.]

Yesterday Oxford and Cambridge met at Fanling in singles and four-balls, and yet another was added to the melancholy tale of Cambridge victories. To come down to particulars, Cambridge led by the odd half point at fifteen after the single, but as Oxford could only have two of the afternoon four-balls, Cambridge had a lead of 5 points by the end of the day. Still, though Oxford was beaten it was far from disgraced, as Cambridge undoubtedly had a stronger team out, and the closeness of the matches, the only really big win was on the Oxford side, shows that Cambridge had to fight for it.

The Singles.

In the morning singles were played over the New Course and went off without any particular incidents, except for speculation as to whether the Gros had forgotten the data. However, he turned up eventually, so all was well.

Pendered was clearly far and away the best player on the field, so I saw rather more of the top match than of the others. It was not great golf, but there was now and then a good shot and there was never more than one hole in it. Pendered's driving was very good but a lot of his short game was pretty horrid and it was here that Holtz got his own back. The match was square after the 17th, but Pendered holed a putt for a 3 and a win on the last green.

Hugh Jones was playing Mackay just behind this match. He was hitting some very long drives but Mackay was now and then pitching right up to the pin and staying there in spite of this Hugh Jones stood 5 up at one time and eventually won by 2 and 9. On one green the caddy offered him a massive niblick, and heard about it.

Hasty Annuals.

The match between Holtz and Lindell is, I believe, a definite fixture, and this year, at least, gave something to talk about for a while. Lindell is not really quite as bad as that, but he is not a very frequent golfer. It was a level match all through, with Cambridge just one ahead at the turn.

Wood and Syme Thompson are also a definite pair, I think, but this time Wood had all the fun. From what I can gather, if Syme Thompson was just off the green he stayed off, and nothing would persuade him to go on.

Oxford Down.

Beavis played very steadily to give Oxford a very welcome win in the second match on the list, while Oxford got another point from the match between Tratman and Wolfe. Sayer made his annual appearance and won the bye very soundly from Prior, who wanted the same ditch at Leeds review on the 18th. In the remaining match Ewart was supposed to lose to Joe Gros, who he turned up. He did lose too for that matter, but he halved the bye, which was sound going. And so Oxford were half a point down.

The Fourballs.

In the fourballs the tide lightened perceptibly. In the top match for instance Pendered was playing well, he was round in 78, while Davidson did other unpleasant things besides getting a 2 on the 16th to win the match. Their better ball was 34 home. Oxford went well enough, thanks mainly to Beavis's excellent putting, until the turn, but then faded away for three holes. Later Holtz revived things slightly by a good 3 at Sandy's, but he just missed his 3 at the next and then Davidson did the dirty *Sic transit gloria*, or at any rate *honour*.

Two Halves.

The two really close games were Holtz and Tratman, and Lindell and Wolfe, and Wood and Sayer. Both these matches were thoroughly good, as matches at any rate and ended all square. Syme Thompson had recovered something of his touch round the green, he holed a chip from the back of the green for a 2 at the Bog, and it was he who holed a putt to win the 18th and halve the match.

In the remaining match Joe Gros and Hugh Jones were a little too strong for Ewart and Mackay, and won by 8 and 4. Not content with that they rubbed it in by winning the bye. And so Cambridge won by 11 points to 8, and Oxford's reputation for hospitality is still further strengthened. Luckily for their morale, Oxford has only to wait six days for the Boat Race.

(Continued on next column).

RUGBY.

FIRST OF TRIANGULAR MATCH.

HEAVY DEFEAT CIVILIANS.

The first of the triangular rugby matches in which Army, Navy and Civilian will take part was played off at the Happy Valley on Saturday between the Royal Navy XV and the Hong Kong Football Club team. The Navy won by 10 points to 5 points (1 goal) after a very keenly contested game.

The teams lined up as follows: Royal Navy—E.R.A. Duckworth (Ambrase); Lieut. Usher (Horne), Lieut. Fenton (Horne), Midshipman Campbell (Cumberland), E.R.A. Rothwell (Ambrase); Signalman Davis (Ambrase); Lieut. G. P. S. Davies (Titania) captain; A.B. Paddon (Petersfield), Mr. Birkett (Ambrase), A.B. Appleyard (Somme), E.R.A. Stobart (Ambrase), Lieut. Gaisford (Titania), A.B. Cox (Ambrase), Signalman Evans (Ambrase).
H.K.F.C. Club—R. J. Grievae; A. Pritchard, Rev. V. H. Koop; G. F. H. Richard, G. L. Lammet; F. M. Spence, C. D. Wales; T. F. Foster, W. Beveridge, R. F. Akehurst, R. P. Moodie, E. R. West, B. W. Sampson, P. L. P. Thomas, A. R. Cox.
Lieut. W. G. Mattingley (2nd R.O.S.B.) was a very efficient referee. Akehurst was unfortunately hurt in the second half and had to retire.

The Play.

At the outset, the Navy attacked fiercely and the Club had hard work to keep them out. Play continued to and for until after a scrum a mistake on the part of the Club forwards resulted in the Navy drawing first blood. After a bout of fine passing, the ball was sent along the Navy Three quarter line to Rothwell. He dodged two defenders and after a fine swerving run from mid-field he scored well out E.R.A. Davies converted with well-judged kick.

The Navy kept up their good work for some time but the game was taken out of their hands after a scrum. Lammert then came to the Club's rescue. As the ball was passing from one Naval man to another, Lammert smartly nipped in and with a speed rarely seen in the Colony, he dashed from his own "25" to score the Club's only try under the post. Wales converted and the score was levelled.

The Navy renewed their efforts with vigour. Campbell, Rothwell and Stobart being prominent. Lt. Davies made an excellent attempt for a dropped goal, but he failed. A scrum followed and this was followed by open play when the Navy made another determined attack on the Club. They pressed so hard that the Club was driven back inch by inch until a try was conceded. Paddon converted and this brought the Navy 5 points up.

The final score was: Navy 10 points (2 goals) and the Club 5 points (1 goal).

The next game will be between the Navy and Army.

ARMY WIN CHAMPIONSHIP.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 25th.

At Twickenham the Army won the Inter-Services championship by beating the Air Force 18 points to 8.

INTERNATIONAL CROSS-COUNTRY RACE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

AYR, March 24th.

The Five Nations' Cross-Country Race for teams of six over 8 1/2 miles was won by France with 45 points. England 55, Scotland 104, Wales 100, Ireland 178. (England) was first home in 52 mins. 34.3/5.

RESULTS.

Oxford.	Cambridge.
R. H. Hollis 0	T. D. E. Pendered 1
C. H. Beavis 1	E. Davidson 0
E. R. Hallifax 1	R. E. Lindell 0
D. W. Tratman 1	E

UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC SPORTS.

THREE RECORDS BROKEN.

LADY CLEMENTI DISTRIBUTES THE PRIZES.

ANNUAL DANCE HELD AT NIGHT.

Under ideal weather conditions, the annual athletic sports of the Hong Kong University were successfully held at the 'Varsity ground at Pokfulam on Saturday afternoon.

Three records were broken and one equalled before a large gathering of spectators. The half mile race open to the Colony was won by Pte. Tiernan, of the R.A.M.C., in 2 minutes 43.5 secs. Lady Clementi, who was escorted by Major H. B. L. Dowbiggin, A.D.C. to H.E. the Governor, gave away the prizes to the successful competitors.

All the events were keenly competed. The Morrison Hall won the inter-hostel championship with a total of 33 points. The individual championship went to Mr. T. W. Cheong.

At night the annual dance was held, being very well attended by friends and students of the University. Music was provided by the *Titania* Melodians.

E. Wong Tape was the competitor in record breaking form and he exceeded three former ones. He improved his own record of last year in the Pole Jump by vaulting one inch higher. Last year he did 7 feet 7 inches. H. Braga's last year's record in the 440 yards flat race was lowered to 54.15 secs.

The same competitor also bettered the record established by S. O. Shahabudin in 1926 in the 120 yards dash, which was 17 seconds flat. Wong Tape did it this year in 16.35 secs. In the 100 yards dash he equalled Shahabudin's time in 1926 by doing it in 16.35 secs.

At the close of the meeting, Lady Clementi distributed the prizes to the winners.

Officials.

The following were the officials at the meeting:

Patron: H.E. Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.

President: Dr. M. B. Osman.

Referee: The Hon. Dr. R. H. Kewell, C.M.G.

Judges: Commodore J. L. Pearson, C.M.G., Lt. Col. L. J. Connolly, C.M.G., D.S.O., Prof. W. Brown, Major H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Prof. F. A. Redmond, Rev. E. K. Quick.

Reception Committee: Mr. W. W. Hornall, C.I.E., Mr. W. B. Finigan, Dr. D. K. Sany, Mr. H. G. Hughes, Miss F. Wong, Prof. J. Anderson, Prof. R. K. M. Simpson, Dr. S. W. Phoon, Mr. Peter Pau, Miss H. Suh.

Stewards: Prof. R. E. Tottenham, Prof. K. H. Digby, Prof. C. Y. Wang, Mr. K. C. Chan, Prof. W. J. Hinton, Prof. G. T. Byrne, Dr. S. Y. Wong, Mr. G. S. Scully, Mr. S. W. Teo.

Time Keepers: Prof. M. H. Roffey, D.S.O., Prof. J. L. Shell, D.S.O., Prof. W. Faid.

Starters: Mr. R. J. Hunt.

Clerks of the Course: Rev. C. B. Shann, Mr. F. H. Traves, Mr. A. L. B. Hay, Mr. I. Day, Mr. F. C. Weller.

Sub-Committee: Dr. M. B. Osman, Prof. W. Faid, Mr. Y. C. Teh, Prof. F. A. Redmond, Mr. S. C. Yue, Mr. F. Hiptoola, Mr. N. P. Karanjia.

Hon. Secretary: F. Hiptoola.

Dr. Osman's Speech.

Addressing the gathering at the conclusion of the meeting, Dr. Osman, President of the Hong Kong University Association, extended a very cordial welcome to Lady Clementi. He continued: The hope has always been expressed that the undergraduates of this University will increasingly and in greater measure turn to the playing fields and the cinder track.

There was a time when it was impossible to raise a purely undergraduate team in any branch of sport. In those days the most strenuous game, indulged by the students was billiards. But even billiards, as played by people who schooled in the discipline and team work of the cricket pitch or football ground was by no means entirely devoid of the risks of serious medical emergency; for tempers were short and billiard cues were stout.

It is also true that now with increased encouragement and increased facilities the youth of a nation usually considered docile and diffident, have come in greater and greater numbers to the pitch and the court. But there is still room for more enthusiasts.

Students may ask what has athletics to do with passing examinations—everything. It is the discipline which may prevent infection and keep a man sweet and whole, amidst the most distressing surroundings. It may serve to prevent degeneration as apt to overtake the overworked student. The vision of a nation is that of a Hong Kong as a centre and distributor not for merchandise only, but also for science, that of to-day is of a university full of scientists—and athletes, athletes who are scientists and scientists who are athletes.

Process Already Commenced.

The process has already commenced. The majority of the present students of both sexes have taken to games, especially tennis; and the Secretary of the Tennis Club tells me that this year for the first time the tennis tournaments include championship events for ladies and mixed doubles. These are steps in the right direction and augurs well for the future.

In hockey too, the same progress is seen. The Hockey Club has even extended its activities to Macao. The achievements of the Basketball Club need no comment—champions have been before and champions might again be.

The footballers have done as well as could be expected, considering the absence of a full sized football ground. And what of the cricketers; their praise has been sung again and again for the past few weeks. Teams, made up entirely of undergraduates, with no individual player outstanding, they have met and defeated experienced giants of the game. Their team work was wonderful, and their fielding, characterised by almost aimless activity, was unsurpassed. The triumph of team work has resulted in trophies. To have captured the championship shields of both divisions is indeed an achievement we might well be proud of.

The epide work of Messrs. Hiptoola and Barina, the captaincy of Mr. C. W. Lam and the invaluable help of that master tactician, Mr. Rumjahn, have made this possible.

"We All Know And Are Grateful."

But I must hasten to add that behind all these successes in sports lies the encouragement given by the members of the staff in general and the Vice-Chancellor in particular. In the medical faculty, at any rate, an occasional intimation toward work because of cricket has often been passed unheeded. Even professors, who in my time, would have taken grave exception to the cancellation of a lecture, have come forward to defray tea expenses at inter-faculty cricket matches.

Within recent years no man has done more for the athletics of the University than the Vice-Chancellor. What he has done I need not detail here. But I know, the cricketers know, the whole undergraduate body knows. For the present I shall only express our gratitude. More perhaps at a time when the celebration of the meanest of the celebration of the cricket dinner that is coming.

I have to thank the prize donors and I hope to make special mention of the Challenge Cup presented by Mr. Leo Hysan through the kind services of an old "boy," Mr. Leo Bak Hung.

The speaker then congratulated T. W. Cheong and E. Wong Tape on their prowess in bettering three records that afternoon. The former also for again winning the Individual Championship, and Morrison Hall for repeating their success in the Inter-Hostel Championship.

Wise Men From The East.

The standard of games and athletics in this University is steadily rising. Her activities in science are beginning to be known and for all these—praise be to the Englishman and the European. They have come to teach the Chinese and the Chinese have proved apt pupils. The words of Mason will yet come true—wise men will again come from the East.

Those hundreds of millions will double the recruiting of science and may yet give back to Europe more than they got. It seems, sometimes, as if the Europeans are teaching the Chinese to beat the Europeans.

In conclusion, Dr. Osman thanked Major Dowbiggin for officiating as one of the judges at the meeting and for the loan of the starting gun; Mr. B. J. Hunt for acting

as starter, and Messrs. N. P. Karanjia and F. Hiptoola (Hon. Secretary) for their tireless efforts in the organisation of the meeting.

THE RESULTS.

The results of the various events are as follows:—

Kicking the Football (decided last Wednesday)—E. G. Edwards; 2, P. C. Lim.

Throwing the Cricket Ball—1, A. T. Lee, Distance 88 ft. 7 ins.; 2, H. H. Schroter.

100 Yards (Challenge Cup, presented by Mr. Leo Hysan)—1, E. Wong Tape, Time 18.5 secs. (tied record); 2, Ho Sai Cheong.

Pole Jump—1, T. W. Cheong, Height 5 ft. 3 ins. (record); 2, S. C. Chung; 3, B. H. Schroter.

220 Yards—1, E. Wong Tape, Time 23.15 secs.; 2, A. T. Lee; 3, Y. F. Chew.

100 Yards (Lady Undergraduate's Race)—1, Miss Florence Wong, Time 15 secs.; 2, Miss J. Ho Tung.

Half Mile—1, C. Figueiredo, Time 2 min. 18.5 secs.; 2, Ho Sai Cheong; 3, Wong Long Cheong.

120 Yards Hurdles—1, T. W. Cheong, Time 16.35 secs. (record); 2, B. H. Schroter; 3, H. N. Chung.

220 Yards Handicap (Past Students' Race)—1, E. Zimmerman; 2, W. Youngsaye.

Putting the Shot (16 lbs.)—1, B. H. Schroter, Distance 30 ft. 4 ins.; 2, Tsito Eng Kai.

440 Yards—1, E. Wong Tape, Time 54.15 secs. (record); 2, C. Figueiredo; 3, Wong Long Cheong.

Long Jump—1, T. W. Cheong, Distance 20 ft. 2 ins.; 2, A. T. Lee; 3, K. P. Gan.

Half Mile (open to the Colony)—1, Pte. Tiernan, R.A.M.C., Time 5 min. 3.5 secs.; 2, Gdm. Elliot, Scots Guards.

High Jump—1, T. W. Cheong, Height 5 ft. 3 ins.; 2, H. N. Chung; 3, P. C. Yue.

One Mile—1, C. Figueiredo; 2, Law Nye Kory; 3, Chew Yean Took.

Tug-of-War—Won by Morrison Hall.

Relay Race for Teams of Four (Challenge Cup, presented by Mr. Leo Hysan)—1, Morrison Hall; 2, May Hall.

Inter-Hostel Championship.—Winners, Morrison Hall, 33 points; runners-up, Ekot Hall, 26 points; Other Hostels: Lugard Hall, 20 points; May Hall, 17 points; St. John's Hall, 3 points.

Individual Championship.—Winner, T. W. Cheong, 20 points; runner-up, E. Wong Tape, 15 points.

Tennis Prizes.

The prizes won in the 1927 annual Tennis Tournament of the Hong Kong University were also distributed as follows:—

Championship Singles.—Champion, Mr. Lim Peng Chin; runner-up, Mr. A. A. Rumjahn.

Championship Doubles.—Champions, Messrs. Lim Peng Chin and Hung Hui Chen; runners-up, Messrs. A. A. Rumjahn and Douglas Lang.

Handicap Singles.—Winner, Mr. Lee Hua Kex; runner-up, Mr. Greenville de Souza.

Handicap Doubles.—Winners, Messrs. Lee Hua Kex and Lee Hua Tsai; runners-up, Messrs. Tan Peng List and Gan Kee Fun.

Ladies' Handicap Singles.—Winner, Miss Molly Carothers; runner-up, Miss Hannah Surh.

Mixed Doubles Handicap.—Winners, Miss Hannah Surh and Mr. Lim Peng Chin; runners-up, Miss Grace Ho Tung and Mr. Ho Shai Cheong.

Sir William Brunyate Challenge Cup for the Douglas Championship.—Won outright by Mr. A. A. Rumjahn and Dr. D. Lasing, Champions in 1923, 1924 and 1925.

Prize Donors.

The following were the prize donors:—

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LAWN TENNIS.

H.K.C.C. TOURNAMENT.

40 MATCHES THIS WEEK.

A very heavy programme has been fixed for the current week and no less than 40 matches in the Hong Kong Cricket Club Tournament have been arranged. These include ties in all the events and the Tennis Sub-Committee are to be congratulated on the systematic way they are organising the Tournament this year. A busy week is anticipated.

All the leading lights are appearing in the course of the week. To-day the long expected meeting between S. E. Green and E. C. Fincher in the Open Singles will take place, and it will probably attract an unusually big crowd this afternoon. Great interest is being taken in it and the match will have far-reaching results. Green is the well known ex-champion and still plays a fine game. It is not beyond his ability to beat E. C. Fincher, but much depends upon the form of the respective opponents, as they are of about the same class. E. C. Fincher, although not having previously shone in the semi-finals or finals, is a really first class exponent, as a reference to his recent records shows. In 1926, when S. A. Rumjahn was runner-up of the Open Singles, he met Rumjahn in the third round and carried him to five sets before losing, while last year he lost to Ng Sze Kwong, also in five sets.

He will enter the court favourite to-day and if he can control the ball well he will probably win, as his low shots are not at all suitable to Green's play.

Other good matches in the Open Singles to-day are those of Ng Sze Kwong v. J. M. da Silva; Very Rev. Swann v. Major W. B. Stevenson, while Honda and Akiyama last year's runners-up in the Open Doubles, are meeting W. A. Nowers and E. D. Lawrence in the same event.

To-morrow a fast game is expected between Ho Ka Lau and Rev. F. P. W. Alexander. Honda appears against Chong Tuck Wing, while H. D. Rumjahn plays T. Isomura. Major Lucas and Major Stevenson will make another appearance in the Open Doubles, being opposed to I. M. A. Razack and J. A. Cassumbhoy.

On Wednesday, S. A. Rumjahn, the holder of the Open Singles, will play Yew Man Kit in the third round, while no less than five matches will be played in the Open Doubles. Among those appearing will be the Fincher Brothers, R. Hancock and Dr. Tottenham and Ng Sze Kwong and Ng Sze Cheung. The Rumjahn cousins will make their next appearance on Thursday when they will meet the Green's in the Open Doubles.

Fine competition is generally expected and rivalry for championship honours appears to be as keen as ever.

The programme for the week follows:—

Open Singles.

S. E. Green v. E. C. Fincher. Ng Sze Kwong v. J. M. da Silva. A. H. Crook v. H. Yoshida. Very Rev. A. Swann v. Major W. B. Stevenson.

Open Doubles.

T. Honda and T. Akiyama v. W. A. Nowers and E. D. Lawrence. G. F. H. Richard (rec. 2/6) v. C. C. Stark (rec. 4/6).

Singles Handicap "A."

A. D. Humphrey's (owe 4/6) v. W. B. Cornaby (rec. 2/6).

Singles Handicap "B."

J. Barrow (owe 15) v. Lt. R. P. Lonsdale (owe 15).

TUESDAY.

Open Singles.

T. Honda v. Chong Tuck Wing. H. D. Rumjahn v. T. Isomura. Ho Ka Lau v. Rev. F. P. W. Alexander.

Open Doubles.

Major W. B. Stevenson and Major R. H. Lucas v. I. M. A. Razack and J. A. Cassumbhoy.

Club Singles.

H. M. Henderson v. G. C. Grove.

Handicap Doubles.

G. Miskin and C. Blaker (scr.) v. A. B. Raworth and A. D. Humphreys (owe 5/6).

W. B. Cornaby and A. Piercy (rec. 2/6) v. W. A. Nowers and E. D. Lawrence (owe 5/6).

Dr. D. J. Valentine and R. K. Valentine (owe 3/6) v. W. M. Lyons and J. D. H. Crawford (rec. 3/6).

Dr. Aubrey and G. W. Sewell (owe 3/6) v. Dr. O. H. Burton and G. Rankin (rec. 15/1).

Mixed Doubles.

Lt. Col. and Mrs. Wyatt (rec. 5/6) v. Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bennett (rec. 15/1).

WEDNESDAY.

Open Singles.

S. A. Rumjahn v. Yew Man Kit.

Open Doubles.

R. Hancock and Dr. R. E. Tottenham v. S. A. Hussain and S. S. Hussain.

Ng Sze Kwong and Ng Sze Cheung v. Lee Won Tsai and Lee Wai Tsai.

K. T. San and Chong Tuck Wing v. E. C. Fincher and E. F. Fincher.

F. J. Remedios and J. M. da Silva v. T. Sajiki and T. Isomura.

T. Fujieda and Y. Hachuma v. E. da Sousa and A. V. Remedios.

Handicap Singles.

W. D. Fiddes Wilson (rec. 3/6) v. O. C. Womack (rec. 6/6).

Rev. F. P. W. Alexander (owe 3/6) v. Lt. Col. F. J. Wyatt (rec. 15).

Mixed Doubles.

Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Craig (rec. 15/1) v. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stark (rec. 2/6).

THURSDAY.

Open Doubles.

H. D. Rumjahn and S. A. Rumjahn v. S. E. Green and D. S. Green.

Club Singles.

E. D. Lawrence and G. W. Sewell.

Singles Handicap "B."

C. H. Bradley (owe 1/13) v. C. L. C. Sandes (rec. 8/6).

T. G. Bennett (rec. 1/6) v. J. Wilkie (rec. 5/10).

Handicap Doubles.

G. C. Grove and J. G. Lawrie (owe 15) v. A. Reid and J. M. Normie (rec. 3/6).

FRIDAY.

Open Doubles.

Ho Wai Hing and Chan So v. winners of T. Honda and A. Kiyama v. E. D. Lawrence and W. A. Nowers.

Singles Handicap "B."

H. V. Parker (rec. 15) v. A. C. Hawell (rec. 1/6).

Handicap Doubles.

C. H. Bradley and Major C. Wilson (rec. 15) v. A. D. Humphreys and G. R. Sayer (owe 15/7).

Mixed Doubles.

Mrs. Armstrong and G. W. Sewell (owe 15/3) v. Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Womack (rec. 15).

Miss Wentworth and A. H. Crook (scr.) v. Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Sayer (rec. 3/6).

Miss Luard and Lt. J. B. H. Kenly (scr.) v. Miss L. G. Heard and S. E. Green (scr.).

Mrs. C. P. F. James and A. D. Humphreys (owe 15/3) v. Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Grove (scr.).

OPEN SINGLES.

CHAMPIONSHIP PLACEMENTS.

The following is the list of surviving competitors in the Open Singles championship of the Colony now in competition under the auspices of the Hong Kong Cricket Club:—

1. A. H. Crook.
2. H. Yoshida.
3. S. E. Green.
4. E. C. Fincher.
5. Chong Tuck Wing.
6. T. Honda.
7. T. Isomura.
8. H. D. Rumjahn.
9. Ho Ka Lau.
10. Rev. F. P. W. Alexander.
11. Ng Sze Kwong.
12. J. M. da Silva.
13. S. A. Rumjahn.
14. Yew Man Kit.
15. Very Rev. A. Swann.
16. Major W. B. Stevenson.

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The slush and the freezing cold of the present winter have spelled the doom of the thousands of wild horses which for years have been roaming the ranges of Alberta and British Columbia, finding food and shelter amid the valley fastnesses of the Rockies when pursued by Government rangers or ranchers.

Many attempts have been made to exterminate these horses. A grand round-up was staged in 1923 with a view to driving them into corrals and selling them for \$1 a head to people who wished to domesticate them. Those not sold were to be shot. Many difficulties, however, intervened in favour of the bandit animals.

Later the Government appointed experienced men to make a survey of the wild horses, and this corroborated the claim of farmers and ranchers that these bandit horses coaxed domestic animals to go with them. They were regular thieves of their own kind.



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SAFETY AT SEA.

A HAND-PROPELLER LIFEBOAT.

PROBLEMS OF LIFE SAVING.

The New Zealand Shipping Company have decided to equip their cargo and passenger vessels now building in England with lifeboats fitted with hand-lever propelling gear. This is a step well in advance of accepted practice, eliminating as it does the lifeboat worked by oars, and it is likely to set the tone to the discussions on ships' lifeboats when international shipping interests meet in England this year in conference. It is a subject which for some time has been exercising the minds of authorities, of shipowners, and of those who have to handle vessels. It cropped up in acute form after the loss of the *Titanic*; it arose again following upon the heavy loss of life with the sinking recently the *Principessa Mafalda*. Something has been done between these two disasters, but not all that sea-faring men could wish. Their demand for better life-saving provision is based on at least three facts, which have been summarised as follows: That the crew of any passenger vessel is so constituted that it does not allow more, as a rule, than one emergency roughly 40 per cent. of the lifeboats may be useless; that even in a dead smooth sea it is impossible to handle the cars in a lifeboat when fully loaded as allowed by Board of Trade regulations.

Disadvantage Of Oars.

The trouble concentrates on the difficulty of getting a boat away from a sinking vessel. So long as the lifeboat is under the side of the ship only one bank of oars, the outside bank, is available, and their use brings back the boat to the vessel's side. The other oars must be used then, and this business is not one to be undertaken easily by inexperienced passengers. Moreover, an oared boat must be sent off relatively lightly laden in order to give room to use the oars, or otherwise those at the oars are cramped. Valuable time is lost in getting the boat far enough away from the vessel to allow both banks of oars to be used. Given that a quick and successful get away is made, there then arises the question of the number of people on board competent to use an oar.

Eliminating The Oar.

These difficulties are stated in order the better to show how this new type of lifeboat meets them. In the first place, it may be said that it is a boat that dispenses with oars, adopting instead a small propeller which is worked by hand-levers, so many on each side of the boat. The number depends upon the carrying capacity of the boat. To take a six-lever boat, as an example, three levers are fitted on each side. They are worked backwards and forwards, and this business can be done by any man, woman, or young person in a reasonable state of physical fitness. A rod is connected to the levers, and in turn, it is coupled up to the propeller. So long as it is necessary to drive the boat the work can be done by all the fit passengers, in shifts. As the levers take up no room—they can be folded down when not in use—their use does not mean that the boat is fitted with the lifeboat can be loaded to its full capacity without inconvenience to those at the levers. The only skilled aid needed on board is in connection with the use of the rudder. Immediately a boat is lowered and filled it can get away from the vessel, the maximum pace being about four knots.

A Self-Containing Unit.

If the weather is rough a cover can be fitted. This cover follows the lines of the boat; it can be fitted watertight, so that if the boat rolls, even gunwale under, no water is shipped. Ventilation flaps are provided in the sides of the cover, and through these rain water can be gathered. In its latest form the propeller gear of these lifeboats is fitted with pumps, to get rid of any water that may be shipped, and the gear also works a magnet for wireless purposes, so that each boat is now a complete self-contained unit. When away from the ship's side the boat can lay off at some distance, the passengers secure under the canvas roofing, and, riding to a sea anchor, can summon help and await the coming of the rescue ship.

Under Board of Trade regulations a ship may carry one motor-lifeboat for every fifteen of its tonnage. By a regulation made in 1925 the Board of Trade will accept a hand-lever-propelled lifeboat in lieu of the motor-boat. The New Zealand Shipping Company in eliminating the oared boat from its new vessels and equipping this hand-propelled type have gone ahead of the regulations, and there is hope, especially as the gear can be fitted virtually to all standard types of international shipping. The International Shipping Conference will alter its regulations to bring all shipping into line with the example thus set by New Zealand.

SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA.

AUTOMATIC APPARATUS.

NOTIFICATION BY THE HARBOUR MASTER.

The following notice to Ship Owners and Master Mariners has been issued by the Harbour Master, Hong Kong:

"In the interests of safety of life at sea, the General Post Office with the concurrence of the Board of Trade has authorised the fitting on board ships registered in the United Kingdom of an approved automatic apparatus which will respond to a special signal called the Alarm Signal. That signal, used in conjunction with the Distress Signal (S.O.S.), will actuate the automatic apparatus which will summon an operator by means of a call-bell, and ships so fitted will in effect be able to maintain a constant watch at sea for distress purposes even although they may carry only one operator.

"In view of the fact that certain ships which trade abroad and do not normally call at ports in the United Kingdom will be equipped with the auto-alarm device while abroad, and, as the installation of such apparatus permits in certain circumstances a reduction of the number of wireless operators or watchers carried on board, the Board of Trade deem it necessary that when so equipped such ships should be inspected immediately in order to ensure that their requirements are being complied with.

"In the circumstances, the Postmaster-General considers that it will suffice, in cases where a ship is newly equipped with an auto-alarm at a Colonial port, if verification of the fact can be obtained by a visit to the ship; for the ship's wireless operator to demonstrate to the visiting official by means of the test signal in the Merchant Shipping (Wireless Telegraphy) Rules, 1927.

Application should be made to the Harbour Master for the inspection of auto-alarm fitted at this port, and any failure of the device should be reported to him for the information of the Board of Trade and of the General Post Office."

CITY'S DISTINCTION.

HIGHEST BIRTH-RATE BUT ONE IN THE COUNTRY.

According to the Registrar-General's return for the last quarter 1927, the City of London had a birth-rate of 32.7 per 1,000 of its population, the largest but one in the 147 returns recorded. The resident population of the City is just over 13,000. Marylebone alone beats it with an additional 1 per 1,000, so that they both have birth-rates more than double the average for the whole country—15.4 per 1,000, which was the lowest on record.

Smethwick had the lowest death-rate of the 147 places mentioned with 7.8 deaths per 1,000. East Ham coming next with 8.6. The average rate for the whole country was 11.7 deaths per 1,000.

Births last quarter numbered 152,754, nearly 7 per cent. less than in the corresponding quarters of the two previous years, and deaths 115,965, a decrease of 2,684 on the corresponding quarter of 1926. Thus the King's subjects in England and Wales increased by 36,789 in three months, compared with 45,718 in the fourth quarter of 1926.

In England and Wales during the third quarter of 1927, 183,478 persons were married, an increase of 13,789 over the number in the preceding quarter and 15,618 more than in the corresponding quarter of 1926.

FUEL-LESS MOTOR.

ENERGY FROM AIR CURRENTS.

New York. American engineers are interested and puzzled by the invention of a "free energy" motor capable, it is claimed, of running without fuel.

The inventor, Mr. Leslie J. Hendershot, describes the energy as drawn directly from electrical currents which exist constantly in the air, or in the open ground. He demonstrated the operation of his fuel-less motor to Mr. W. B. Stout, monoplaner designer, who said: "The demonstration was very impressive, almost uncanny."

Col. Lindbergh thought it worth while to go to Detroit to see a test of the model, which is about the size of a motor used in an electric vacuum cleaner. But he refused to comment on the invention.

Mr. Hendershot has ample financial backing. Newspapers ascribe the origin of the invention to a dream. He converted the dream into a reality, they say, to satisfy the demands of his small son who had a model of an aeroplane.

THE "PRINCIPESSA MAFALDA" DISASTER.

COMMISSION'S REPORT.

ENGINE TROUBLE A CAUSE.

Rome. The technical commission of inquiry appointed to inquire into the circumstances attending the wreck of the *Principessa Mafalda* off the coast of Brazil has issued its report.

It has proved that the port engine had given trouble in the preceding voyage and had been out of action for about 20 hours. During the vessel's stay at Genoa the motor was thoroughly overhauled, but, nevertheless, fresh trouble developed soon after the ship had left Barcelona.

The immediate cause of the disaster was, the Court finds, a fracture in the drive to the port propeller shaft. There was an influx of water; 350 tons were shipped in 20 minutes. This, it is stated, was not an irreparable mishap in itself, but, unfortunately, it proved to be impossible to close the doors of the watertight compartments. Further, the pumps were not properly operated, and the officer in charge lost hope from the outset and communicated his pessimism to the men working under him. The vessel was amply provided with lifebelts and boats, but it is admitted that instructions how to put on the lifebelts and how to proceed to the proper boat stations were not posted up in the cabins in the customary fashion. A partial boat drill had been carried out two days before the disaster.

Panic On Board.

The report states that there was a great panic among the passengers, especially among 110 Syrians, and this interfered with the work of salvage. Tribute is paid to the aid afforded by the various ships which hastened to the rescue and also to the great majority of the ship's officers, of whom seven went down with the vessel. The Court declares its inability to decide on the precise legal responsibility for the disaster.

INDIAN MURDER APPEAL.

PRIVY COUNCIL BREAK USUAL RULE.

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council (Viscount Haldane, Lord Blanesburgh and Sir Lancelot Sanderson) took the unusual course of granting a petition for leave to appeal in an Indian murder case, giving as the reason for departure from their usual practice that the case was an exceptional one.

Kishen Singh asked for special leave to appeal from a judgment and order passed by the High Court at Allahabad on October 31st, 1927, which, on an application for revision by the local government, convicted him and sentenced him to death for the alleged murder of one Khulver Singh and one Shoran Singh, in March of that year.

The subordinate Court, consisting of a judge and four assessors, was unanimously of opinion that Kishen Singh was guilty of justifiable homicide and he was sentenced to 3 years' rigorous imprisonment in respect of Khulver Singh, and to 5 years' in respect of Shoran Singh, the sentences to run concurrently.

The contention of the petitioner was that the High Court had exercised jurisdiction contrary to the direct provisions of the Code of Criminal Procedure, and that, as a consequence, there had been a violation of the fundamental principles of natural justice.

OXFORD AIRMEN.

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TITAREOM	S'HAL, K'LONG, & AMOT	16th	18th	BATAVIA
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H.M.S. *Sussex*, the third of the four cruisers of the 1925 programme, and the tenth (including two for Australia) of the new 10,000-ton County class vessels, was launched last month at the works of Messrs. Hawthorn, Leslie, and Company, at Newcastle-on-Tyne. The naming ceremony was performed by Lady Leonfield, wife of the Lord Lieutenant of the county after which the ship is called. This is the first cruiser to be built by the firm since the War, their last being the *Calypso*, in 1916-17.

The *Sussex* will have what is called a "standard" displacement of 10,000 tons, that is, without her fuel and stores on board, but when fully loaded, it is estimated that she will displace something like 14,000 tons. This is approximately the tonnage of what were known as 3 years' cruisers before the War, such as the *Shannon* and *Achilles*, but whereas these carried a 6 in. armoured belt, tapering at the bow and stern, the new County class have no side armour. Their protection chiefly consists of a 4 in. steel deck, and 3 in. plating on the conning tower.

Much greater attention is now paid to speed than to armour, and as compared with the 23 knots of pre-War cruisers, the *Sussex* and her sisters are designed for 32 knots. The estimated horse-power on trial is 80,000, or more than three times as great as in the pre-War ships. This power is provided by geared turbines, which, in the case of the *Sussex*, are being manufactured by the builders of the hull. The oil capacity will be about 3,400 tons. In accordance with the Washington Treaty, the calibre of the principal guns is restricted to 8 in., of which it is believed that eight will be carried. The *Sussex* will also be fitted to carry an aeroplane.

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Sydney, N.S.W.

Two hundred and thirty-three words a minute was the speed with which Miss Phyllis A. Price, Australia's champion typist, set up a new Australian record.

The test, made in a newspaper office, was timed by two stop watches. Miss Price's previous best effort was 223 words.

For success in numerous contests throughout Australia, Miss Price holds many trophies, cups, and medals. For 15 minutes continuous typing at the rate of 90 words a minute, she was presented with a handsome diamond and sapphire brooch from the Underwood Company in America.

She is 21 years of age.

CONSIGNEE NOTICES.

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 28th instant will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Underwriter on or before the 11th April, 1928, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 27th instant, at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hong Kong, 21st Mar., 1928. 16041

PRINCE LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK.

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All Claims must be presented within Fifteen days of the Vessel's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 28th March, 1928, will be subject to Rent.

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SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The E. & A. Co.'s s.s. *St. Albans* left Moji for Hong Kong on the 23rd inst., and is due here tomorrow (Tuesday) afternoon. She will leave for Manila, Port Holland, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne at 4 p.m. on Friday, the 30th inst.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, March 26th.

	Erroneous (On Date)	On Date	at
	Day	at	5 p.m.
Barometer...	22.87	22.89	22.88
Temperature...	72	73	76
Humidity...	84	86	70
Wind...	E	E	ESE
Force...	3	3	2
Weather...	C	OM	C
Rain...	0.08	0.00	0.00
Highest open-air Temperature, 24th: 72			
Lowest open-air Temperature, 25th: 68			

B=Blue; sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Quartz; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From March 26th to April 1st, 1928.

HIGH WATER. LOW WATER.

Day of Month	Hour of Day	Height of Water	Day of Month	Hour of Day	Height of Water
Mon. 26	10 45	5.4	Mon. 26	8 30	5.0
Tues. 27	10 12	5.5	Tues. 27	8 28	5.1
Wed. 28	9 51	5.6	Wed. 28	8 26	5.2
Thurs. 29	9 28	5.7	Thurs. 29	8 24	5.3
Fri. 30	9 05	5.8	Fri. 30	8 22	5.4
Sat. 31	8 42	5.9	Sat. 31	8 20	5.5
Sun. 1	8 19	6.0	Sun. 1	8 18	5.6

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SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.

AKI MARU Wednesday, 25th April

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.

+ GENOA MARU Wednesday, 25th Mar.

SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu,

Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.

BOKUYO MARU Thursday, 19th April

SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape

Town & Ports.

HAKATA MARU Tuesday, 10th April

NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.

+ MAYEASHI MARU Tuesday, 27th Mar.

+ TOBA MARU Saturday, 14th April

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Shipping News

Week-End Statement, Waterfront News, etc.

WEEK-END FREIGHT RETURNS.

HIGH FIGURES FOR SATURDAY.

Although there were only fifteen arrivals and twelve departures during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. on Saturday the general freight for Hong Kong were normal, and an increase on the previous day's total. Through freights, also increased and were very high.

The local imports amounted to 10,896 tons, and of this amount only 84 tons were contributed by three British vessels. The two best carriers were Dutch steamers. The s.s. *Tjibodas* arriving from Batavia and *Belikpapan* discharged 5,700 tons, while the s.s. *Tjibodas* had 2,227 tons from Sourabaya and Manila.

Through freights were exceedingly high and totalled 32,100 tons. Of this amount 12,305 were carried by four British steamers. The Japanese vessel s.s. *Toyooka Maru* arriving from Glasgow and Singapore showed the best return with 5,454 tons of general cargo, and the s.s. *Karamia* (British) was second best with 8,100 tons from Yokohama and Shanghai.

Yesterday's Freight Returns. With thirteen arrivals and twenty-one departures for the period ending yesterday 9 a.m. the cargoes discharged for Hong Kong were normal. Through freights, however, were fair.

Local imports amounted to 14,350 tons and of this 2,800 tons were contributed by three British vessels. The two best returns were from the *Satana* (Norwegian) with 6,700 tons from Fremantle and Tarakan, and the s.s. *Tai Lee* (Chinese) from Bangkok and Koshichang with 2,550 tons.

Through freights were fair and totalled 16,073 tons, of which 6,931 tons were carried by three British vessels. The British vessel *Eurylochus* was the best carrier with 6,000 tons of general cargo from Liverpool and Shanghai and the s.s. *President Adams* (American) was second best with 4,526 tons from San Francisco and Shanghai.

The arrivals and departures during the week-end were as follows:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	10	14
American	3	2
Norwegian	3	2
Japanese	3	3
Chinese	3	3
French	1	1
German	1	0
Dutch	2	0
Swedish	0	1
Total	28	33

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Australian-Oriental Line.
Changite, April 6th.
Taiping, May 11th.

Bank Line.
City of Bombay, April 10th.
City of Eastbourne, April 11th.
City of Carlisle, April 14th.
City of Roubaix, April 14th.
City of Birmingham, May 4th.
City of New Castle, May 12th.
City of Chester, May 25th.
City of Tokyo, June 9th.
City of Cardiff, June 22nd.
City of Pekin, July 7th.
City of Bedford, June 22nd.

Messageries Maritimes.
Andre Lebon, to-morrow.

Portlines, to-morrow.

Chenoucaux, April 10th.

Capt. Fawc, April 21st.

Athos II, April 24th.

D'Arctique, May 8th.

Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen.
Ansipir, March 28th.

Trier, April 9th.

Alster, April 25th.

Trave, May 12th.

Princes Line.
Asiatic Prince, April 12th.

Javanese Prince, May 8th.

Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.
Formosa, April 27th.

Ellis Funnell Line.
Menelaus, to-morrow.

Automedon, April 1st.

Patroclus, April 6th.

Proteus, April 10th.

Phenice, April 11th.

Epaphros, April 15th.

Laomedon, April 17th.

Knight Companion, April 22nd.

Orestes, April 22nd.

Dioned, April 28th.

Talithybia, May 1st.

Jason, May 2nd.

Antenor, May 3rd.

Meriones, May 9th.

Adrastus, May 16th.

Helene, May 22nd.

Teucer, May 22nd.

Pyrrhus, May 30th.

Hector, May 31st.

Gyrdaric, June 10th.

Atrous, July 2nd.

Theseus, July 24th.

Sarpedon, July 26th.

Elpenor, August 22nd.

British-India and Apcar Line.
Shirala, March 31st.

Talamba, April 6th.

Santhia, April 10th.

Hatipara, April 19th.

Takada, April 22nd.

Takima, May 1st.

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Tilawa, May 31st.

Canadian Pacific Line.
Empress of Asia, to-day.

Empress of Canada, April 5th.

Doddell & Co.
Venezia, March 20th.

Toledo, April 18th.

Dollar Steamship Line.
President Cleveland, to-day.

President Lincoln, to-day.

East Asiatic Co., Copenhagen.
Afrika, April 6th.

Malaya, April 27th.

Danmark, May 25th.

Eastern and Australian Lines.
St. Albans, to-morrow.

Arctura, April 2nd.

Tanda, May 7th.

Glen Line.
Glenara, April 6th.

Glenelg, April 15th.

Carnegie, April 28th.

Glenelg, May 11th.

Pembroke, May 29th.

Hamburg-America Line and Hugo Stinnes Lines.
Resolute, March 28th.

Carl Legien, April 2nd.

Adolf von Baeyer, April 6th.

Preussen, April 16th.

Ermland, May 2nd.

Java-China-Japan Line.
Tjibodas, to-day.

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